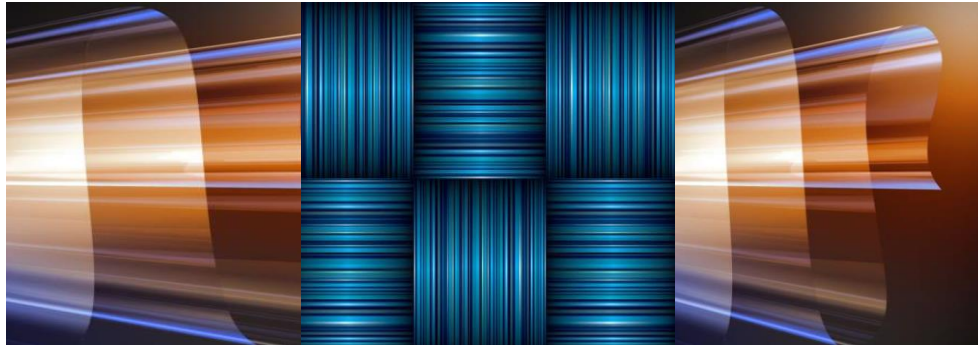


Substrate Materials



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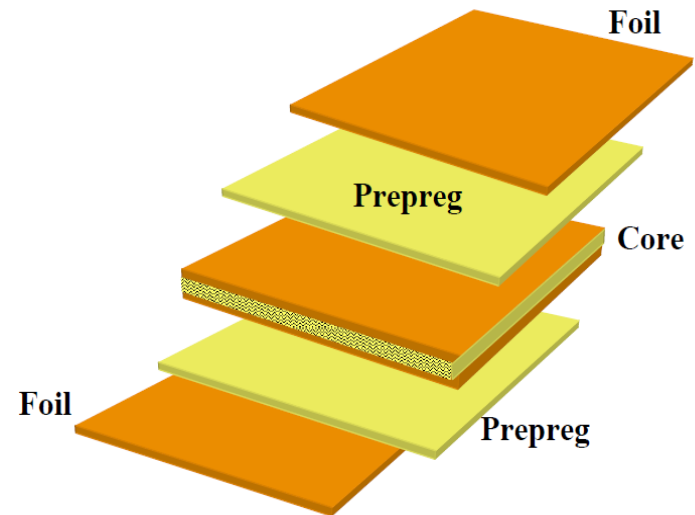
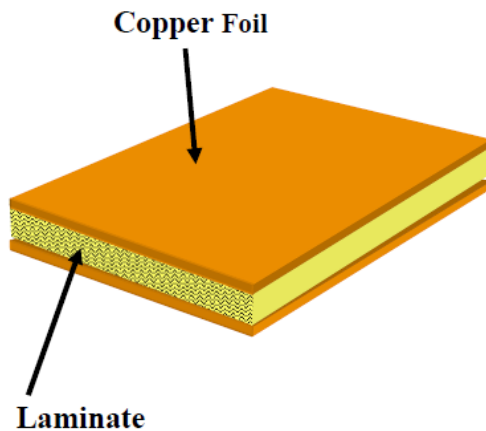
Two presentations are planned:

One presentation on substrates Materials

- ** General overview of basic material (prepreg and core)
- ** Materials for advance package

Substrate Materials - Overview

PCB Material



Copper Foil



Prepreg Type

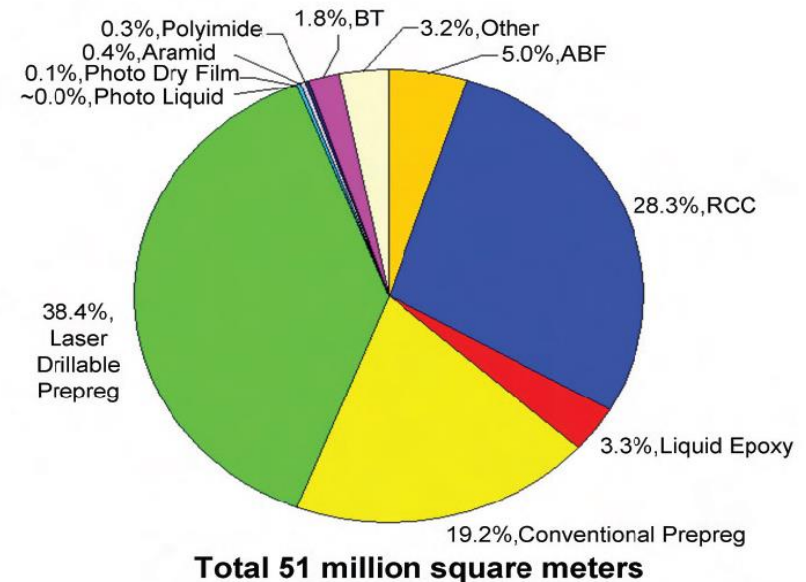


Substrate Materials - Overview

- Substrate materials market worldwide estimated to be 51 million square:

Materials type used:

- Laser Drillable Prepregs
- RCC
- Conventional Prepregs
- ABFilm
- Epoxy
- Other
- BT- (Bismaleimide-Triazine)
- Aramid (Synthetic fibers)
- Polyimide Nylon as a group of synthetic polymer.
- Photo Dry film
- Photo Liquid



Substrate Materials - Overview

- Majority of the materials are mixed with **Epoxy**
 - Some are with **BT** mixture of bismaleimide
 - **PPE** (polyphenylene oxides polymer)
 - **Cyanate Ester (cyanide group)** chemical substances generally based on a bisphenol
 - **Acrylates** (polymers as plastic).
 - **Polyimide:** (Kapton) blend of polyimide resin with epoxy or 100% polyimide, best reliability of high-density, used in rough environmental conditions such as extreme differences in hot and cold temperature
 - The newest materials are the growing number of laser drillable prepregs.
- *** Their popularity is a result of their, excellent electrical performance due to having lower dielectric constants and loss tangents than many of the thermosets materials.
- *** Their high melting points and chemical resistance make desmearing a critical process.



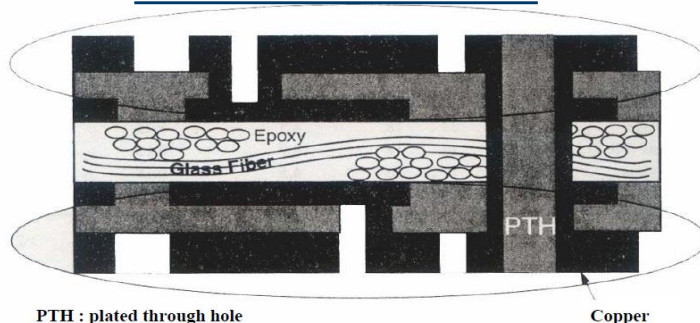
Substrate Materials Including Thermally Cured and Photo-Cured

| Type of Materials | Thermally Cured Resins (Tg) | | | | | Photo Cured Resins | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Suppliers | Halogen-free | LD Prepregs | RCC | Film Type | Ink Type | Film Type | Ink Type |
| Isola | X | | 150 160 | | | | |
| Polyclad | | | 165 200 | | | | |
| Nelco | | | 180 | | | | |
| NanYa | X | X X | 172 180 | | | | |
| Asahi Chemical | | | X | X | | | |
| Ajinomoto Fine Technology | X | | 177 | 9X | X | | |
| Tamura Kaken | | | | | X | | X |
| Shipley Far East | | | | | | | X |
| Taiyo Ink | | | UD | UD | X | | X |
| Chuba Specialty Chemical | | | | | | | X |
| Oy Pent | | | | | | X | |
| Tokyo Ohba Kogyo | | | | | X | | |
| Hitachi Chemical | | | 135 190 | X | | X | |
| Asahi Denka Kogyo | | | | | X | | X |
| Toshiba Chemical | | | X | | | | |
| Matsushita Electric works | X | | 170 155 | | | | |
| Mitsubishi Gas Chemical | | | 220 | | | | |
| Nippon Industries | | | X | | | | |
| Mitsui Metal & Mining | X X | | 150 190 130 165 | | | | |
| Sumitomo Bakelite | | | X | X | | | |
| Nippon Paint | | | | | | X | X |
| Doosan | X | | 145 185 | | | | |
| Grace Electron | | X | | | | | |
| Sheng Yi | X X | | 155 165 | | | | |

Substrate Materials - Overview

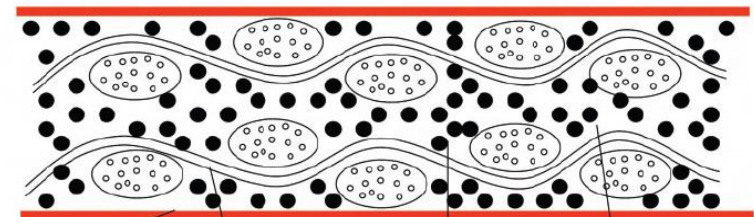
- The major material components of PCBs are the polymer resin (dielectric), with or without fillers, reinforcement, and metal foil.
- To form a PCB, alternate layers of dielectric, with or without reinforcement, are stacked in between the metal foil layers.
- There have been many advances in the resins used to make PCBs over the years. Epoxy has been a staple due to its relatively low cost, excellent adhesion (both to the metal foils and to itself), good thermal, mechanical, and electrical properties.
- The demands for better electrical performance, ability to withstand lead-free solder temperatures, changed the basic epoxy chemistry dramatically over the years.
- Dk of the glass cloth more closely matches the Dk of the resin
This provides a distinct advantage of low loss clothes in applications.

Elements of an FR-4 substrate



PTH : plated through hole

Copper



| Copper Foil | Glass Cloth | Resin Matrix | Filler |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| -Electric Circuit | -High Stiffness | -Heat Resistance | -Heat Resistance |
| -Signal line | -Dimensional Stability | -Low Water Absorption | -Low Water Absorption |
| -VCC | -Low CTE | -Flammability | -Flammability |
| -Grounding | -Low Warpage | -Peel Strength | -High Stiffness |
| -Heat Dissipation | -Modulus | -High Tg | -Low CTE |
| | | -Toughness | -Dimensional Stability |
| | | -Dielectric Properties | -Low Warpage |
| | | | -Modulus |
| | | | -Heat Dissipation |

Composition of laminate and its functions

Substrate Materials - Overview

Resin/Filler

- Epoxies are thermosetting resins and use hardeners and catalysts to facilitate the cross-linking reactions that lead to the final cured product.
- Over the last several years, resins have been modified to change the curing chemistry to make the resins more robust during the higher temperatures of lead-free soldering.
- Other resins are in common use and are typically chosen to address specific weaknesses of epoxy systems.
- BT-Epoxy for organic chip packages due to its thermal stability.
- Polyimide and cyanate ester resins are used for better electrical properties (lower Dk and Df) .
Sometimes they will be blended with epoxy to keep costs down and improve mechanical properties.
- Thermoplastic resins are polyimide and polytetrafluoroethylene (**PTFE - Teflon**)
Unlike the thermosetting version of polyimide which is brittle.
- **Thermoplastic version is flexible and supplied in film form.**

| Resin/Filler | T _g [°C] | Lateral CTE[ppm/°C] | ε (at 1 MHz) | Water absorption | Peel strength of foil [N/mm] |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Phenolic/Paper | 125 | 14 ... 18 | 4.5 | 0.75 | >2.0 |
| Epoxy/Glass(FR-4) | 130 | 14 ... 18 | 4.9 | 0.15 | >2.0 |
| Polyimide/Glass | 250 | 12 ... 16 | 4.5 | 0.35 | >1.4 |
| Polyimide/Quartz | 280 | 6 ... 8 | 4.0 | 0.35 | >1.2 |
| Epoxy/Aramid | 180 | 7 ... 9 | 3.9 | 0.44 | >1.7 |
| BT-Epoxy | 185 | 13 ... 14 | 4.3 | 0.19 | >2.0 |
| Cyanate ester | 240 | - | 3.7 | 0.40 | >6.0 |
| Polyimide/Aramid | 230 | 7 ... 9 | 3.6 | 0.81 | >1.6 |

Substrate Materials - Overview

- Resin materials

Resin systems are moving toward higher T_g and better electrical properties than conventional epoxy. The T_g of 180°C is proving to be very cost-effective.

Typical Resin Properties

| Resin System | ϵ [1MHz] | T_g [°C] | Relative cost |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| FR-4-epoxy | 3.5-3.60 | 125-135 | 1 |
| Polyfunctional FR-4 | 3.5-3.60 | 140-150 | 1-2 |
| High Temperature one component epoxy system | 3.90-4.00 | 170-180 | 3-6 |
| Bismaleimide Triazine epoxy(BT) | 3.2-3.30 | 180-190 | 3-6 |
| Polyimide epoxy | 3.5-3.6 | 250-260 | 10-20 |
| Cyanate ester(CE) | 2.80-3.50 | 240-250 | 20-30 |
| Polyimide | 3.30-3.40 | >260 | 10-20 |
| PTFE(melting point) | 2.03-2.09 | 327 | 10-15 |

Substrate Materials - Overview

Each material has Loss Tangent (DK, Er)

The property of a material determines the relative speed that an electrical signal will move in that material.

Signal speed is inversely proportional to the square root of the dielectric constant.

Low dielectric constant will result in a high signal propagation speed, and a high dielectric constant will result in a much slower signal propagation speed.

Typical dielectric constants (Dk) of materials as measured at 1 Mhz

| Material | Dk |
|------------------------|------------|
| Hard Vacuum (~air) | 1.0 |
| Pure Teflon® | 2.1 |
| Type GY Teflon®-Glass | 2.2 - 2.3 |
| Type GX Teflon® Glass | 2.55 |
| Filled PTFE (CLTE-XT) | 3.0 |
| Polyimide-Quartz | 3.5 - 3.8 |
| Polyimide-Glass | 4.0 - 4.6 |
| Epoxy-Glass (FR-4) | 4.4 - 5.2 |
| BT-Epoxy | 3.8 - 4.0 |
| Non-woven Aramid Epoxy | 3.8 - 4.1 |
| Woven Aramid Epoxy | 3.8 - 4.1 |
| Ceramic-Filled Teflon® | 6.0 - 10.2 |
| Water | 70.0 |

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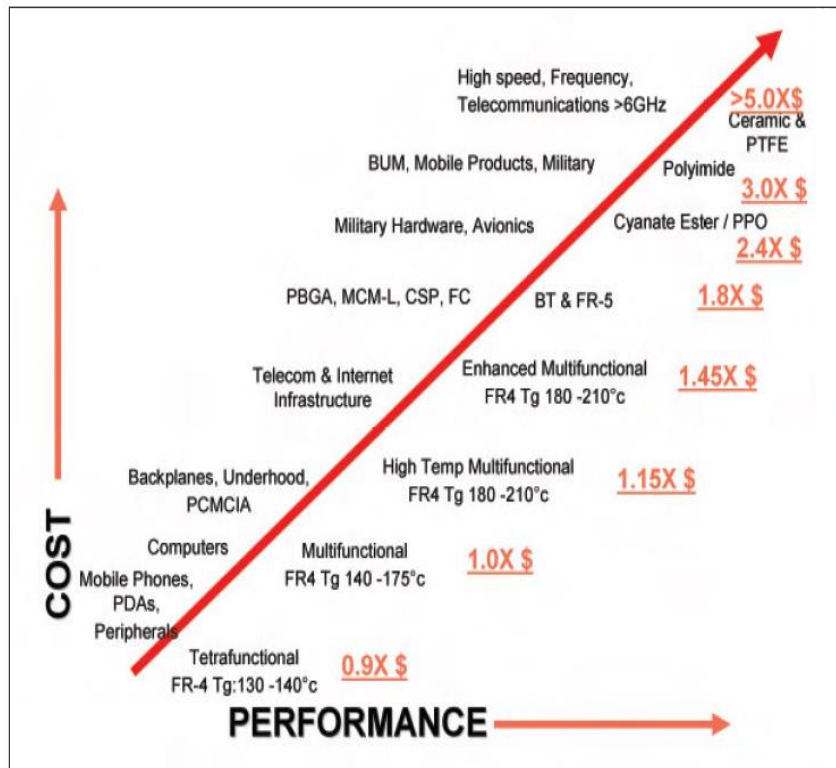
CTE (Coefficient Thermal Expansion) of materials in x-y direction : ppm/°C

| Materials | Substrate Type (x-y direction : ppm/ °C) | PWB Type (z-direction: ppm/ °C) |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Epoxy/E-glass | 13-17 | 75-95 |
| BT Epoxy/E-glass | 12-16 | 72-83 |
| Polyimide/E-glass | 12-15 | 67-76 |
| CE/E-glass | 11-14 | 52-62 |
| Epoxy-Quartz | 8-13 | 70-81 |
| BT-Epoxy/Quartz | 8-11 | 63-75 |
| Polyimide/Quartz | 8-11 | 61-71 |
| CE/Quartz | 8-9 | 50-60 |
| Epoxy/Aramid | 7-11 | 90-100 |
| BT Epoxy/Aramid | 6-10 | 82-92 |
| Polyimide Thermount/Aramid | 6-10 | 84-95 |
| CE/S-glass | 8.5-10 | 45-55 |
| CE/S-glass(4HS) | 7-9 | 45-55 |

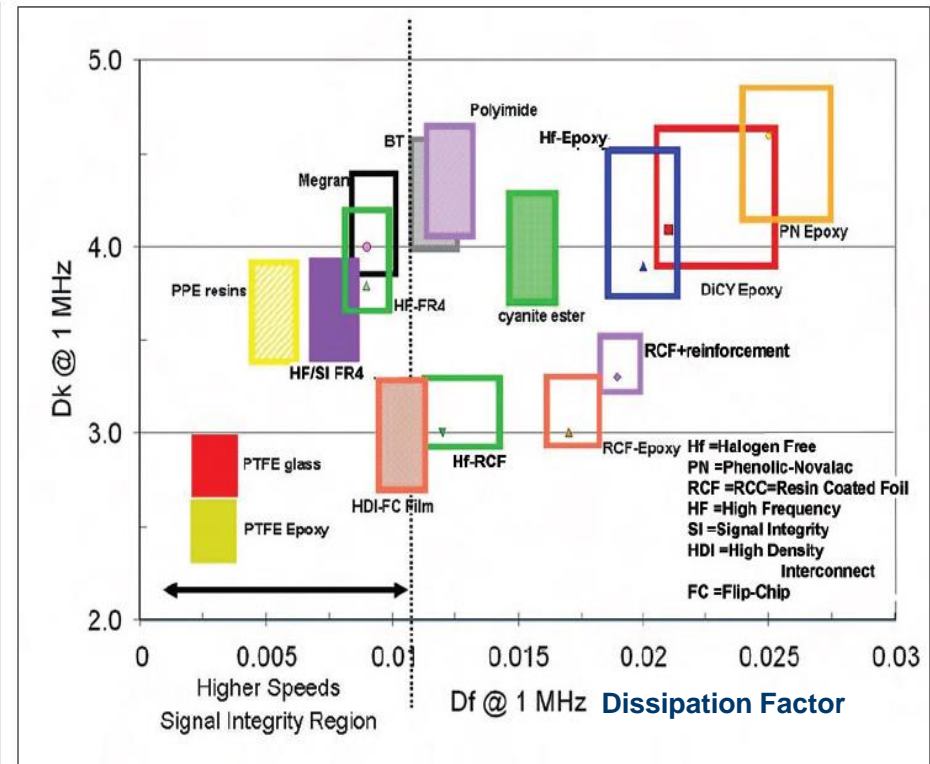
BT : Bismaleimide Triazine

CE : Cyanate Ester

Substrate Materials - Overview



Relative costs of dielectrics compared to their performance

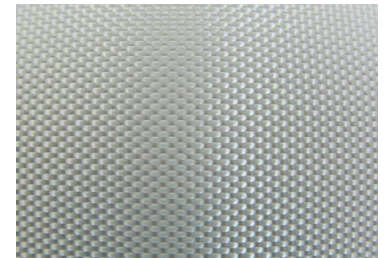


Typical epoxies and other resins and their electrical properties

Substrate Materials

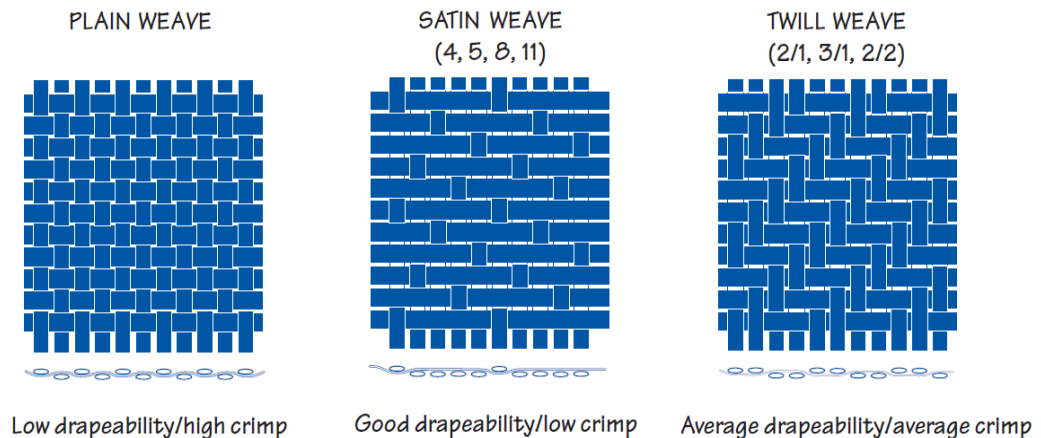
Three basic material types: non-woven glass, woven glass, and filled:

- GR, GP (non-woven, random fiber reinforced) , GT, GX, GY (woven reinforced) and filled material has no designation. All based on (PTFE or Teflon®) resin chemistry.
- Non-woven (GR) materials contain a dispersion of glass microfibers in the substrate. These are typically materials with low DK (2.20 - 2.35). They work very well at the higher frequencies, **but the dissipation factor is not good.**
- Woven glass (GT, GX, GY) materials are made using fine weave glass cloth. These materials have dielectric constants in the range of 2.40 to 2.60, but **poor mechanical and thermal stability in multilayer** designs.
- GX series are epoxy-based with phenolic hardener (Melamine).
- GY series use a phenolic ester hardener (based on Silica).
- GZ series use a cyanate ester hardener, Plastic type (ABF GC), Electronic chip adhesives and encapsulation.
- Filled materials have dielectric constants ranging from 2.94 to 10.8. Ceramic or other suitable material that can be used to raise the dielectric constant. may also contain non-woven or woven glass. The type of filler and construction determines the dielectric constant as well as the dissipation factor.



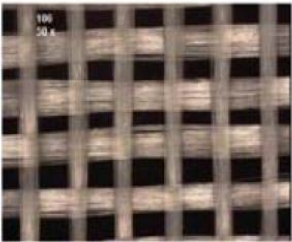
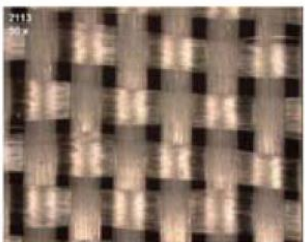
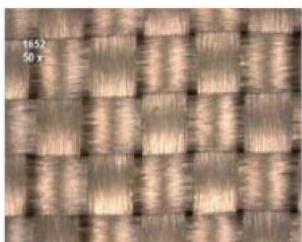
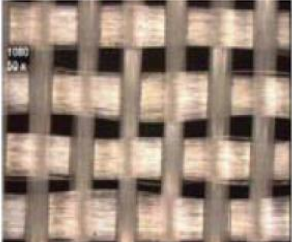
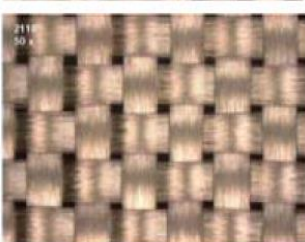
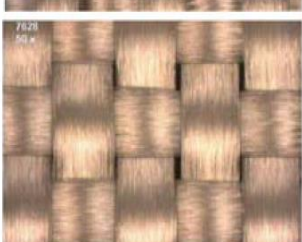
Woven Reinforcements Fiberglass

- Most of the dielectric materials incorporate reinforcement into the resin system. Reinforcement usually takes the form of woven fiberglass.
- Woven fiberglass is just like any other cloth, made up of individual filaments that are woven together on a loom.
- By using different diameter filaments and different weave patterns, different styles of glass cloth are created.
- Fiber-reinforced materials provides more flexibility of resin systems and thickness in any given HDI design.
- As the designs become more complex, and the layer counts increase, fiber-reinforced materials offer lower Z-axis expansion, lower X-Y expansion rates, more thickness latitude, resistance to cracking, and a wide variety of resin options which not possible with other approaches.



Woven Glass Cloth Styles

Combinations of glass styles used in a stack-up, innovation of different weaving helps to achieve data transmission rates of 100 Gbps and beyond.

| | | | | | | <u>North America</u> | <u>Asia-Pacific</u> | <u>Europe</u> |
|------|---|------|---|------|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 106 |  | 2113 |  | 1652 |  | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| | | | | | | 1080 | 1035 | 1080 |
| | | | | | | 1067 | 1078 | 2113 |
| | | | | | | 1086 | 1080 | 3070 |
| | | | | | | 2113 | 1067 | 2116 |
| | | | | | | 3313 | 1086 | 1634 |
| 1080 |  | 2116 |  | 7268 |  | 3070 | 2313 | 1647 |
| | | | | | | 2116 | 3313 | 1651 |
| | | | | | | 1652 | 2116 | 1501 |
| | | | | | | 7628 | 1501 | 2165 |
| | | | | | | | 1506 | 2157 |
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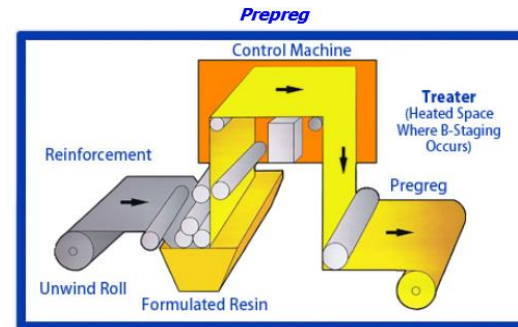
- **Laser Drilling Glass: 1086, 1078, 1067, 1037, 1027, 1017, 101**
- **Normal Glass: 1080, 106, 104**
- **Standard available resin systems are as below:**

Ventec Company

| Resin Content | 101 | 1017 | 1027 | 1037 | 106 | 1067 | 1078 | 1080 | 1086 | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| VT-42/42S | - | - | - | - | 75% | - | - | 63% | 63% | - |
| VT-441/447 | 72% | 75% | 70% | 71% | 76% | 71% | 65% | 65% | 65% | - |
| VT-481/47 | - | - | - | - | 76% | 74% | 65% | 66% | - | 68% |
| VT-464/464(M) | - | 73 | - | - | 75% | - | 65% | 63% | - | - |
| Pressed (mil) | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.5~2.8 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Pressed (mm) | 0.035 | 0.030 | 0.040 | 0.048 | 0.063 | 0.063~0.071 | 0.081 | 0.076 | 0.091 | 0.099 |

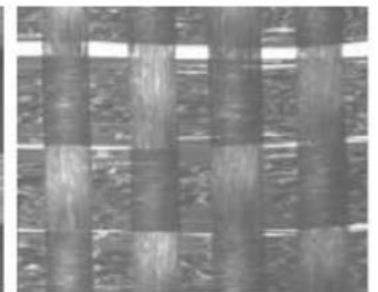
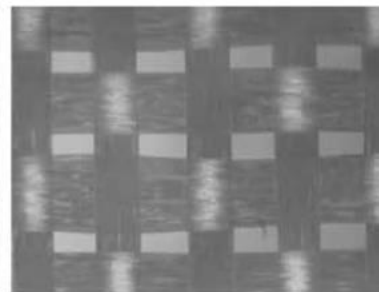
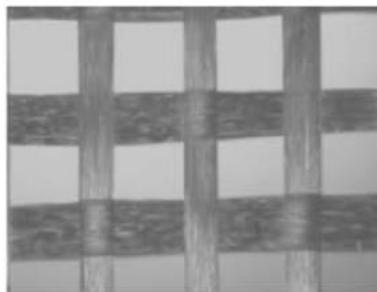
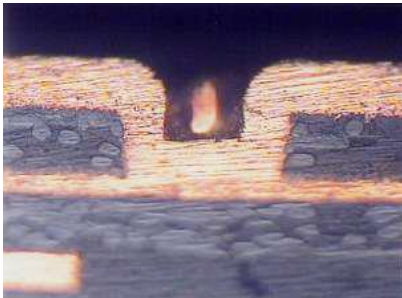
Reinforcements Fiberglass

- Resin is coated to produce the prepreg, Mostly use **E-Glass** (Electrical Grade Glass) standard.
- Reinforcement contributes significantly to physical and electrical properties, generally used in **epoxy and polyimide** laminates.
- Other substrates - used in specialty materials: **Nonwoven aramid, woven Kevlar® aramid, woven quartz cloth**. In addition of several chemical composition variations on the standard glass (such as **S-Glass**) can also be used in specialty applications.
- Started with thousands of individual yarns rolled into a master beam, or roll, weaving, and "scoured" to remove different size of yarns and then heat cleaning.
- Organosilane finishing applied (a fraction of a percent of the raw weight) to provide a cloth surface which can be wet and bonded with other various resin. High temperature finishes such as amino-silanes (**E-Glass**) intended for polyimide. Finish affects how the resin will wet the surface during prepregging.
- Lightweight clothes with high resin are smooth, better fill for internal copper etched patterns, Heavier clothes are less expensive.



Woven Glass Fiber

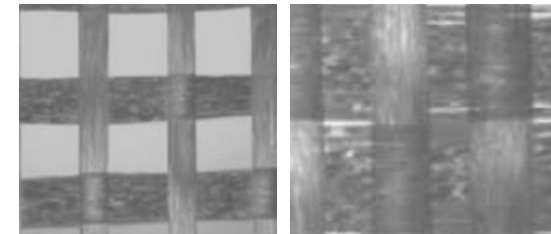
- Presents significantly different properties, the difference being attributable to the reduction of the effect of surface defects and control an important performance. **started in 1960s** where they were used as a high performance replacement paper reinforcements.
- Woven glass fiber provided reinforcement to complement the properties of epoxy resin, adding high tensile strength and dimensional stability.
- The process of glass fiber production did not changed over 50 years, however there is number of important developments that have enabled substrates made with woven glass clothes.
- The developments are in order to accommodate **microvia technology requirements by laser**. The difference in ablation rates between fiberglass and the surrounding resin can cause poor hole quality. fiberglass cloth is not uniform due to having areas with no glass. Usually the drilling is set up for the hardest
- In recent years the demand for package substrate with thinner and higher density required build up with new materials for interconnect between the chip and substrate board.



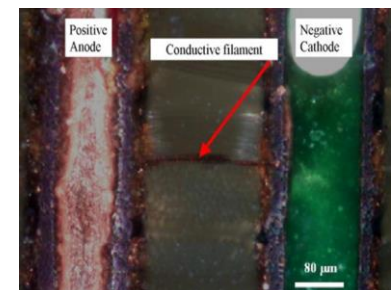
Advanced Glass Reinforcement Technology

The benefits of spread glass

- The use of lasers to form microvias in PCBs is commonplace, However the laser ablation rate of glass is significantly lower than that of the resin matrix.
- First the use of spread glass was to minimize the effect of differential ablation rate. Second reducing the number of laser pulses required and improving the quality of the hole.
- Additional significant improvement is better wet the fibers during the finish which is used to create good chemical bond between the glass reinforcement and the resin matrix.
- This benefit extends also to the impregnation process when the resin is coated onto the glass cloth to produce a prepreg.
- Traditional tightly bound bundles of glass fibers can lead to defects in the resin/glass, In some cases can present conductive anodic filamentation (CAF), failure mode for woven glass-reinforced laminate which is copper short between two sides of hole.
- Spread fibers improves the accessibility of the individual fibers and enabling improved wetting.
- **Robust thermal bond strength**, which is needed for a number of high I/O PBGA rework and removal procedures, and very good peel strengths even after thermal conditioning.



Conductive Anodic Filamentation (CAF)

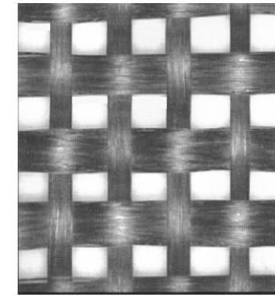


Advanced Glass Reinforcement Technology

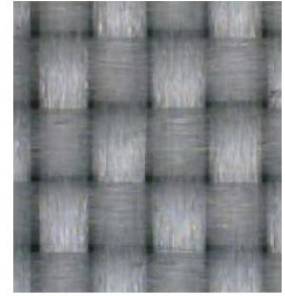
The benefits of spread glass

- Glass fibres should be: with high tensile strength, dimensional stability, good chemical resistance, sensitivity to moisture and good electrical insulator.
- Performance characteristics are greatly enhanced due to homogeneous insulating layers between copper traces.
“**fiber weave effect**” (FWE), signal skew is completely eliminated.
- In traditional fiber glass, the yarns are coated with silane (silicon compounds), but the heat cleaning step reduces the glass cloth strength by approximately one third.
- In the new process, resin is applied on surface of individual glass fibers immediately as they are formed and remains on the yarn and glass cloth throughout the manufacturing process.
- Direct application of a final resin-compatible finish during the fiber-forming process provides a better interface between the glass fiber reinforcement and the resin matrix.

Each has exactly the same quantity of glass with the same number of warp and weft yarn



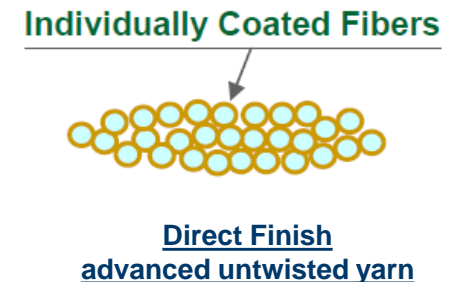
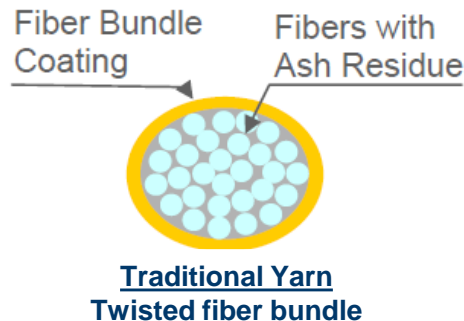
a) Standard



b) Advanced

Thicker and unevenly distributed leading to inconsistent substrate properties

Glass fiber bundle is twisted to give strength and mechanical integrity to the yarn.
Making thicker cross-points in the glass cloth.
Also contributor to stresses within the laminate



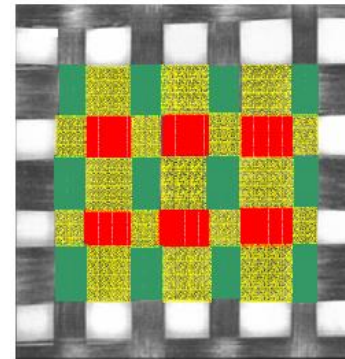
Advanced Glass Reinforcement Technology

Advanced glass cloth, prepreg with high Tg for chip package

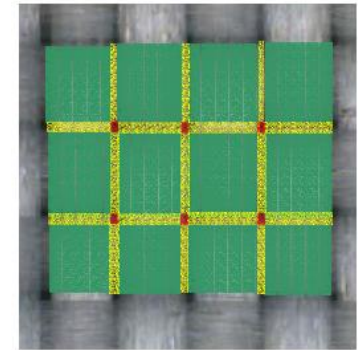
- * Flat and smooth glass cloth
- * Improve laminate surface planarity
- * Improvements in "telegraphing"
- * Convenient to laser-drill
- * Improve laser-drilled hole geometry
- * Hole plating quality and laser drilling speed
- * Homogeneous Dk and Df reduced signal skew and less impedance variation.

The same amount of glass

Traditional



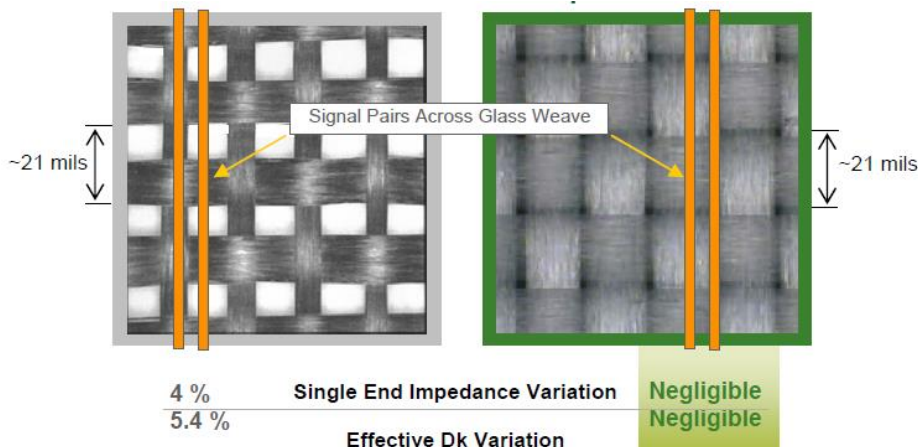
Advanced



■ 2 layers (2.1 mil) – 22%
■ 1 layer – 55%
■ Absence of Glass – 23%

■ 2 layers (1.4 mil) – 77%
■ 1 layer – 22%
■ Absence of Glass – 1%

Different Dk between glass and resin








Colors illustrate layer coverage

Dk of new weaving glass cloth is lower than E-glass in traditional cloth.

| | Traditional 1080 | NovaSpeed™ 1080 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Fabric Thickness | 2.1 mil (mm) | 1.4 mil (mm) |
| % Coverage (2 / 1 / 0 layers) | 22 / 55 / 23 | 77 / 22 / 1 |
| Dielectric Constant (Dk) | 6.6 – 6.9 | 4.5 – 5.0 |
| Dissipation Factor (Df) | 0.006 (avg.) | 0.005 (avg.) |

Laser Via and Hole Formation Evolution

Comparative Benefits of Laser Drillable Multilayer Materials

| Property | Resin Coated Copper | E-Glass Advanced Materials | Laser Drillable LD™ Advanced Materials |
|--|---|---|---|
| Print Through | Moderate | Good | Excellent |
| Outer Dielectric Tolerance | ± 15% | ±10% | ±10% |
| Maximum Laser Drillable Dielectric Thickness | 80 micron | 240 micron 2,3 ply constructions | 240 micron 2,3 ply constructions |
| Laser-Drilled Hole Geometry and Plateability | Good | Fair | Excellent  |
| Dimensional Stability | Moderate | Good | Excellent  |
| Resin Cracking | Possible | No | No |
| Typical Laser Drilling Speed (500 Hz TEA CO ₂ Laser 75-micron Dielectric) * | 50 micron: 1 pulse 80 micron: 1 pulse* *Application dependent | 50 micron: 4–5 pulses 80 micron: 6–8 pulses* *Application dependent | 50 micron: 3–4 pulses 80 micron: 5–6 pulses* *Application dependent |
| Material Options (volume availability) | Epoxy High Tg Epoxy | Epoxy High Tg Epoxy Low Loss Epoxy Low CTE Epoxy APPE Polyimide Low Loss Polyimide Cyanate Ester | Epoxy High Tg Epoxy Low Loss Epoxy Low CTE Epoxy APPE Polyimide Low Loss Polyimide Cyanate Ester |
| Z-Axis Range | +5.0% | 1.7% –4.5% | 1.7% –4.5% |
| X-Y CTE Range PPM/°C | 30–40 | 10–16 | 10–16  |
| Tg Range °C | 130–170 | 130–250 | 130–250 |
| Plasma Compatibility | Yes | No | No |
| Optimum Layer Counts | 2–12 | 2–50 | 2–50  |
| Minimum Copper (microns) | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| BGA Rework | Fair | Excellent | Excellent  |
| Low Dk Resins | Yes | Yes | Yes N4000–13, N6000 |
| Chip Packaging | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Laser Via and Hole Formation Evolution

- Laser-drillable prepregs and laminates allow many options for laser microvia formation in a conventional multilayer process. Back-plane technology with high overall thickness designs can easily benefit from this approach because of the need for the lower z-axis expansion afforded by fiber reinforced dielectrics.
- In the past, laser drilling through a glass-reinforced substrate was an intriguing idea, but not very practical, two separate laser systems, with different wavelengths.
- One laser to remove the copper foil, the alternate laser can have a different frequency and pulse configuration that allows fast and clean removal of the glass fibers and resin, thereby forming a reliable microvia hole (**Galvo Process**).
- **The benefits of laser-drillable E-Glass reinforced** materials include faster laser processing, cleaner hole formation, lower thermal-mechanical expansion rates, better hole-wall adhesion during the metallization process, uniformity of material in the multi-layer structure and better fill of buried via stacks.

| Resin Type | Fiber Type | Application | Tg ° C DSC TMA * DMA | X/ Y CTE - 40 ° C + 125 ° C PPM | Z CTE - 50 ° C to + 260 ° C % |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Resin Coated Copper | None | HDI | 135-140 | 30-40 | 5.0%+ |
| Epoxy | N4000-2 LD | Broad Spectrum | 140 | 12-16 | 4.5 |
| Epoxy | N4000-6 LD | Low CTE | 180 | 10-14 | 3.8 |
| Epoxy Low CTE | N4000-7 LD | Low CTE | 155 | 10-14 | 3.7 |
| Epoxy Low Loss | N4000-13 LD | Low Dk 1-5 Ghz | 210 | 10-14 | 3.5 |
| BT | N5000-32 LD | Telecom | 180 | 10-14 | 3.8 |
| BT JEDEC | N5000 LD | PBGA, HDI | * 190 | 10-14 | 3.6 |
| APPE | N6000 LD | 1-10 Ghz | * 210 | 10-14 | 3.5 |

Table of Laser Drillable Fiberglass

| Cloth Style | Warp x Fill | Glass cloth thickness (mm) | | Air Permeability (M3/M2min) | | Warp & Fill yarn width (mm) | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | | Standard | | LDP | |
| | | Standard | LDP | Standard | LDP | Warp | Fill | Warp | Fill |
| 1015 | 75 X 75 | -- | 0.020 | -- | 23-45 | -- | -- | 0.163 | 0.270 |
| 1027 | 75 X 75 | -- | 0.020 | -- | 22-42 | -- | -- | 0.163 | 0.270 |
| 1037 | 71 X 74 | -- | 0.025 | -- | 20-40 | -- | -- | 0.210 | 0.270 |
| 106 | 56 x 56 | 0.037 | 0.028 | 120-140 | 20-40 | 0.138 | 0.254 | 0.163 | 0.385 |
| 1067 | 70 x 70 | -- | 0.033 | -- | 9-14 | -- | -- | 0.215 | 0.351 |
| 1078 | 54 x 54 | -- | 0.044 | -- | 9-14 | -- | -- | 0.255 | 0.419 |
| 1080 | 60 x 48 | 0.055 | 0.045 | 85-105 | 20-40 | 0.213 | 0.296 | 0.283 | 0.413 |
| 1086 | 60 x 61 | -- | 0.047 | -- | 6-10 | -- | -- | 0.285 | 0.398 |
| 2112 | 40 x 40 | 0.071 | 0.069 | 60-75 | 5-20 | 0.318 | 0.439 | 0.356 | 0.537 |
| 2113 | 60 x 56 | 0.070 | 0.065 | 32-50 | 4-12 | 0.302 | 0.319 | 0.329 | 0.452 |
| 2313 | 60 x 64 | 0.072 | 0.067 | 17-30 | 3-8 | 0.308 | 0.311 | 0.313 | 0.403 |
| 2116 | 60 x 58 | 0.092 | 0.088 | 8-18 | 5-10 | 0.360 | 0.365 | 0.365 | 0.395 |

Glass fibers

Glass fiber - consist of numerous extremely fine fibers of glass. Has roughly comparable mechanical properties to other fibers such as polymers and carbon fiber, much cheaper, and significantly less fragile when used in composites.

- Glass fibers used as a reinforcing agent for many polymers: FRP (Fiber Reinforced Polymer) .
- Composite material called Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP), is especially good thermal insulator. Contains little air and more dense than glass wool.

Composition of glass: E-glass, D-glass, S-glass, R- glass, E-CR-glass, C-glass, T-glass, L-glass....

- **E-glass** - the most fiberglass production in the world ("**E**" **because of initial electrical application**). excellent electrical insulation and low moisture absorption.
- **D-glass** - has a low **dielectric constant** (D_k) , but other properties are not so good as E- or S-glass
- **S-glass** - used when high tensile strength (modulus) is important ("**S**" **for stiff**).
- **R-glass** - ("**R**" **for reinforcement**).
- **C-glass** - ("**C**" **for chemical resistance**) having very high chemical resistance
- **T- glass** - ("**T**" **for thermal insulator**)
- **L- glass** - ("**L**" **for low - loss**)



L-Glass Fiber for High Frequency - AGY

L-Glass, S-2, S-3 HDI - Improved Signal Integrity.

AGY - leading global producer of glass fiber yarns and high strength glass fiber reinforcements.

To insure the integrity of the signal, Low Dk (dielectric Constant), low Df (Dissipation Factor), ideally for high signal speed, better than traditional E- glass /Epoxy substrate.

Traditional low loss laminate produced in two ways:

1. Higher performance epoxy resin conjunction with E- glass (limited Dk, Df).
 2. Combines very low Dk/Df resin such as PTFE, with ceramic and lower E-glass.
But the process reduces the dimensional stability, and costs expensive.
- New glass fibers (range of sizing for thermoplastic systems) are coated with a chemical sizing (higher level of silica) that facilitates customer processing and sizes for higher performance woven.
 - L- glass, attractive for IC package and cost-effective alternative (4 micron).



| 10GHz | E-glass | L-glass |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| CTE / ppm | 5.4 | 3.9 |
| Dk | 6.81 | 4.86 |
| Df | 0.0060 | 0.0050 |

Glass fiber Fillers

Advanced Filler System - Glass fiber: E-Glass, S-Glass, D-Glass %

| | Composition | E-Glass | S-Glass | D-glass | Quartz | Kevlar | Technora HM-50 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Silicon dioxide | SiO ₂ | 52-56 | 64-66 | 73-75 | 99.97 | | |
| Aluminum oxide | Al ₂ O ₃ | 12-16 | 22-24 | 0-1 | | | |
| Calcium oxide | CaO | 15-25 | <0.01 | 0-2 | | | |
| Magnesium oxide | MgO | 0-6 | 10-12 | 0-2 | | | |
| Boron trioxide | B ₂ O ₃ | 8-13 | <0.01 | 18-21 | | | |
| Iron(III) oxide | Fe ₂ O ₃ | - | 0.1 | - | | | |
| Zirconium Oxide | Zr ₂ O ₃ | - | <0.1 | - | | | |
| Coefficients Thermal Expansion | CTE [10 ⁻⁶ /K] | 5.01 | 2.80 | 2.00 | 0.54 | -5.20 | -7.50 |
| Dielectric Constant | ε(1MHz) | 5.80 | 4.52 | 3.95 | 3.78 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| | Thickness [mm] | 0.05-0.23 | 0.06-0.18 | 0.06-0.18 | 0.08-0.13 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Kevlar : Quartz and aramid

Glass Fiber Production Process

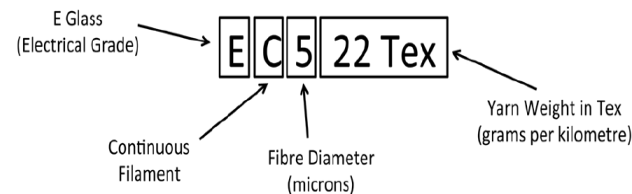
Glass fiber

- Glass formulation is melted in a furnace and the molten glass is then mechanically drawn into single filaments through small holes in a platinum/rhodium alloy bushing.
- The filaments are next gathered into bundles called strands and are then coiled onto bobbins to form a yarn
- During the strand forming process a size is applied in order to protect the glass surface to avoid the formation of defects that would weaken the fibres.
- The individual filaments for PCB substrate use are commonly between 5 - 9 microns diameter, gathered together into stands of between 204 - 408 filaments to form a yarn.
- One square foot of 0.062" glass fiber reinforced PCB laminate contains over 500 miles of individual glass filaments.

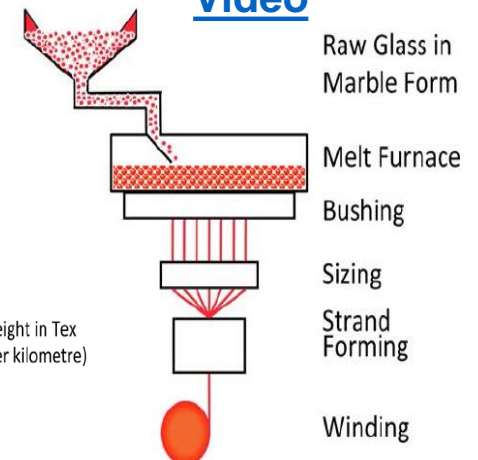
Glass yarn common types

| Yarn Designation | Filament Diameter | Filaments per Strand |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| EC9 68 Tex | 9 Microns | 408 |
| EC7 22 Tex | 7 Microns | 225 |
| EC6 34 Tex | 6 Microns | 408 |
| EC5 22 Tex | 5 Microns | 408 |
| EC5 11 Tex | 5 Microns | 204 |

Glass yarn designation



Video



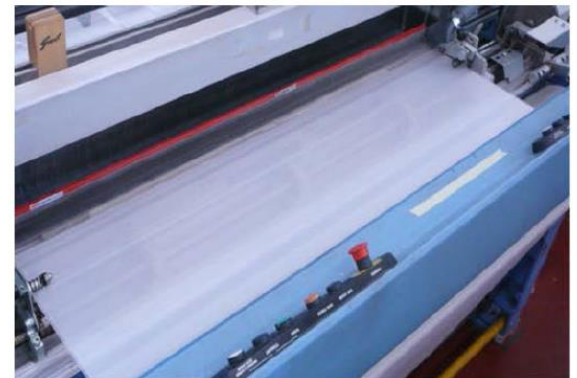
Glass Cloth Weaving

- Yarn transferred on bobbins in order to form the warp threads which run in the machine direction up to 3 kilometers length. Depending on the total number of threads required for a given type of glass weave (style)
- Loom beam is installed on the weaving loom, cloth is formed by interlacing filling yarns.
- Additional finish is applied In order to provide maximum adhesion of the cloth to the various resins matrices.

Video

Traditional woven glass cloth styles

| Style | Glass Thickness (mm) | Weight (gsm) | Threads per cm | Yarn |
|-------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 7628 | 0.17 | 203 | 17.3 x 12.2 | EC9 68/EC9 68 |
| 2116 | 0.095 | 104 | 23.6 x 22.8 | EC7 22/EC7 22 |
| 2125 | 0.09 | 87 | 15.7 x 15.4 | EC7 22/EC9 34 |
| 2113 | 0.079 | 78 | 23.6 x 22.0 | EC7 22/EC5 11 |
| 1080 | 0.05 | 47 | 23.6 x 18.5 | EC5 11/EC5 11 |
| 106 | 0.033 | 24 | 22.0 x 22.0 | EC5 5.5 /EC5 5.5 |



Prepreg Production

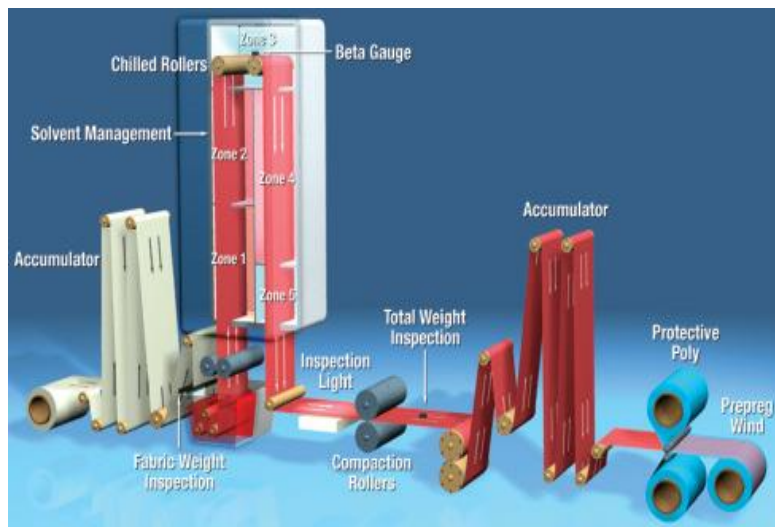
How are prepreg made?

Process under controlled heat and pressure release

A: Compounding. It is the activation of the epoxy-resin by mixing together precise amount of the resin components in a batch tank.

B: In order to impart mechanical rigidity to the final laminate, above resin blend is reinforced with glass cloth as filler material. As the filler material constitutes about 40-50% of the laminate bulkiness, it contributes significantly to mechanical, electrical and chemical properties of the laminate.

C: The C-staging operation is the final curing process after laminating the copper foil to the prepreg material.

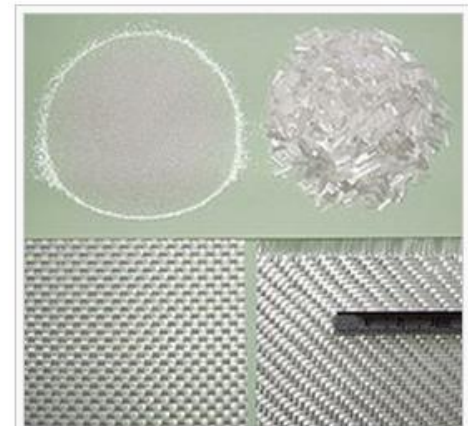


One step process for woven and impregnation

Prepreg Production Advanced Technology

- New requirements of materials: thinner, smaller, faster interconnect, thermal resistance, ultra-thin dielectrics, small-hole formation and high temperature resins.
- Recent developments materials improve: Dimensional stability and surface smoothness: patterning of smaller feature, reducing their DK, dissipation factor to meet the requirements for very high frequency RF and replacing glass reinforcement with laser process able materials to make laser drilling easier.
- Linear lamination \Rightarrow glass filaments - instead of woven, very thin filaments
- Aramid paper reinforced laminates, using paper-like nonwoven aramid cloth with epoxy-resin impregnation, exhibit very good dimensional stability with near-to silicon CTE, smooth surface and can be easily processed by laser.

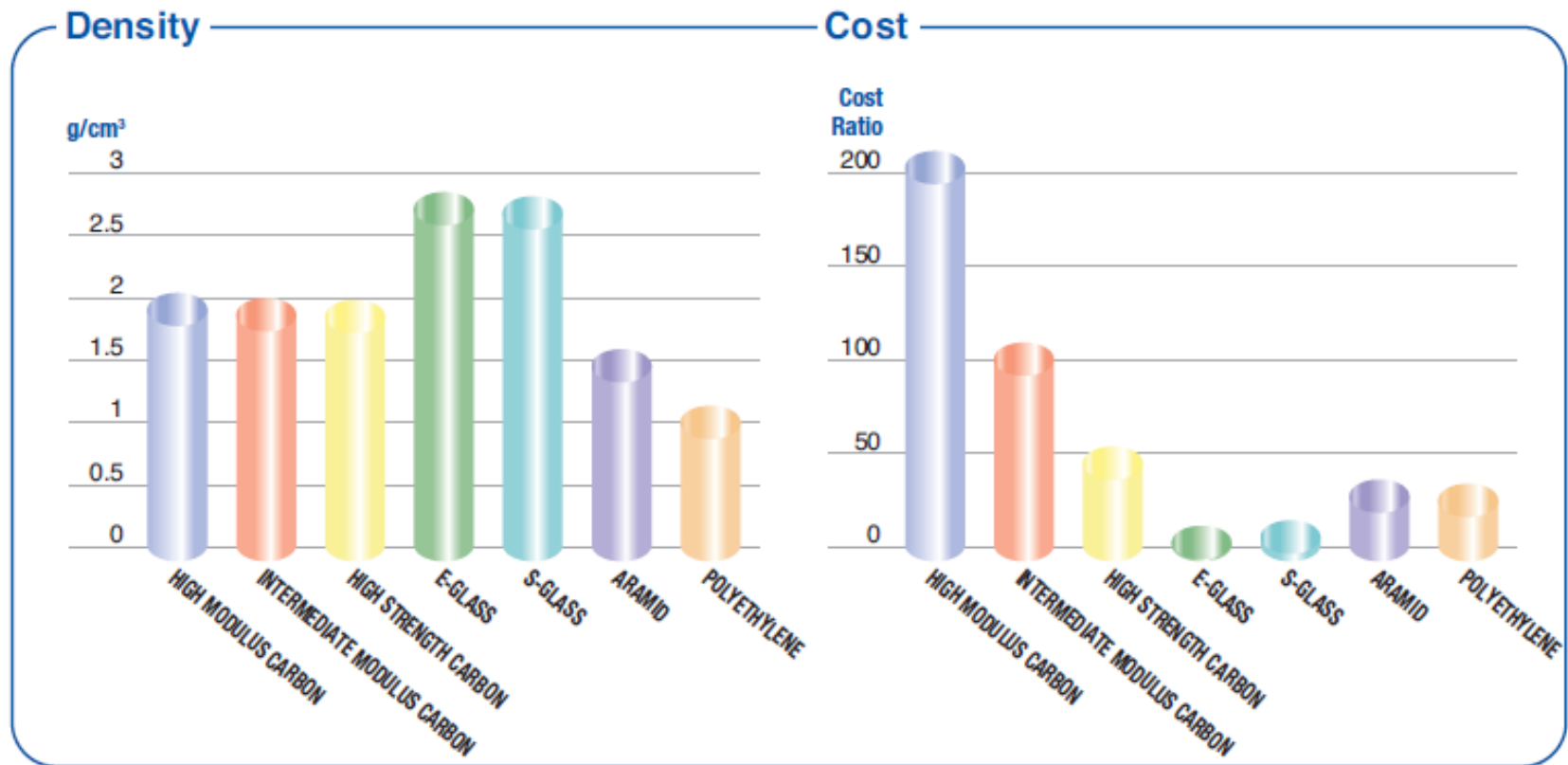
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Glass reinforcements used for fiberglass are supplied in different physical forms, microspheres, chopped or woven.

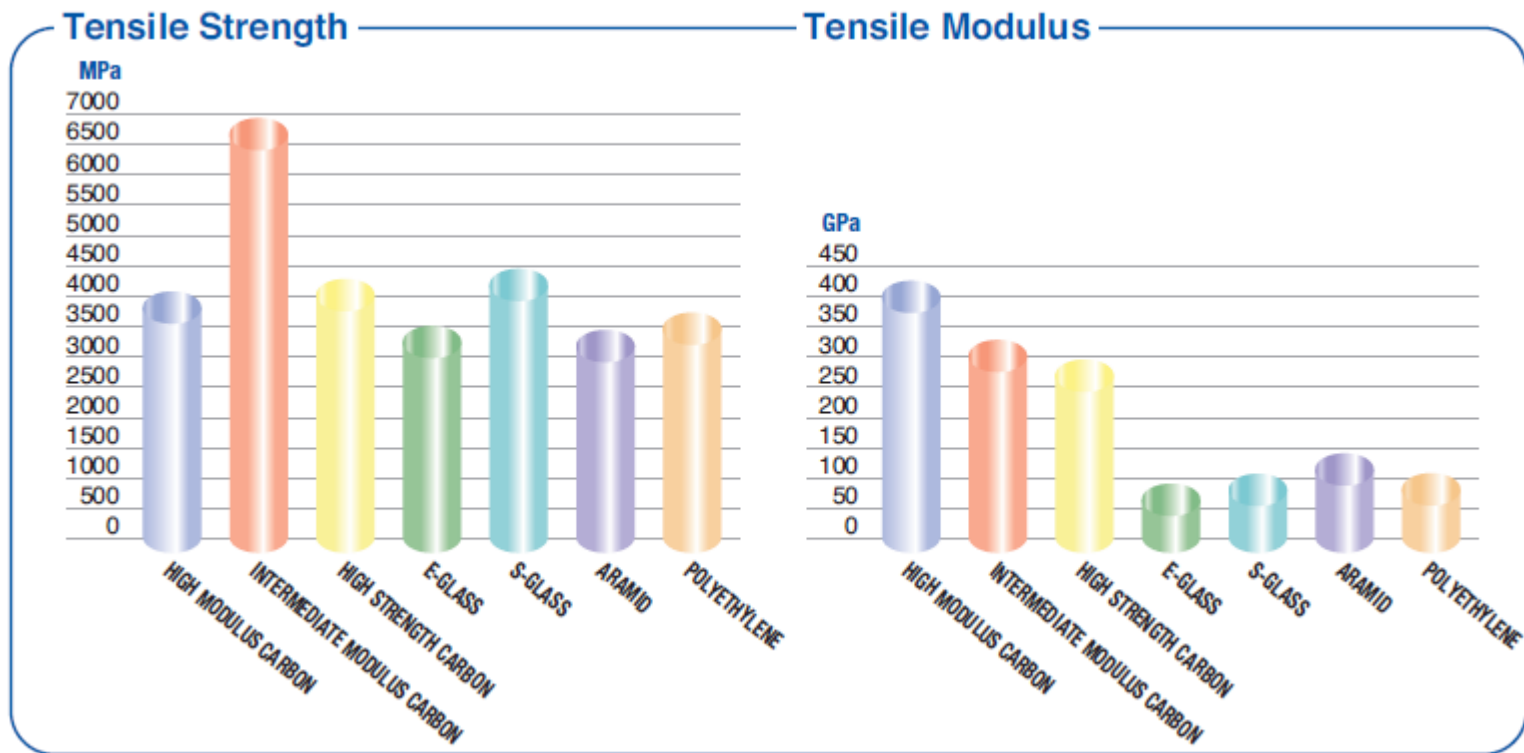
Criteria for Fiber Selection

Density and Cost

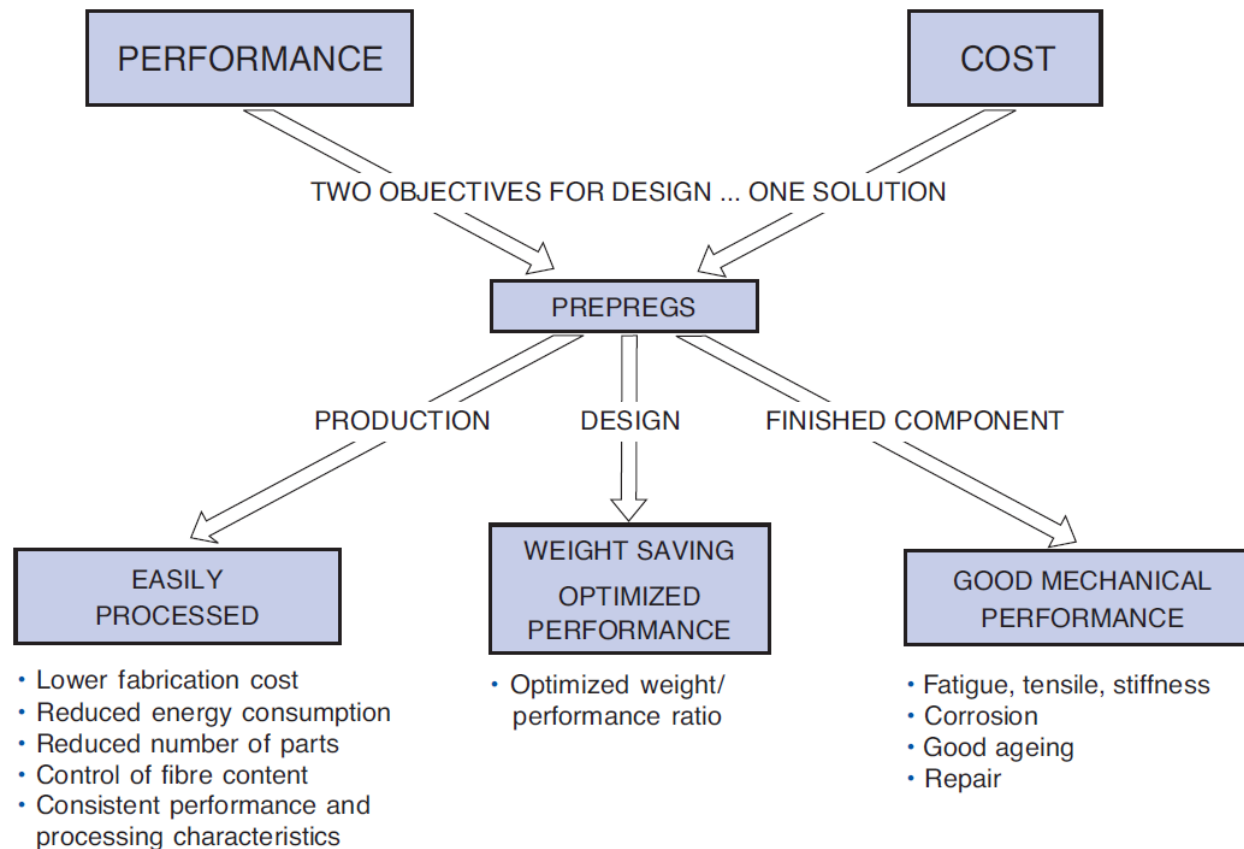


Criteria for Fiber Selection

Strength and Modules



Performance and Cost



Core Material

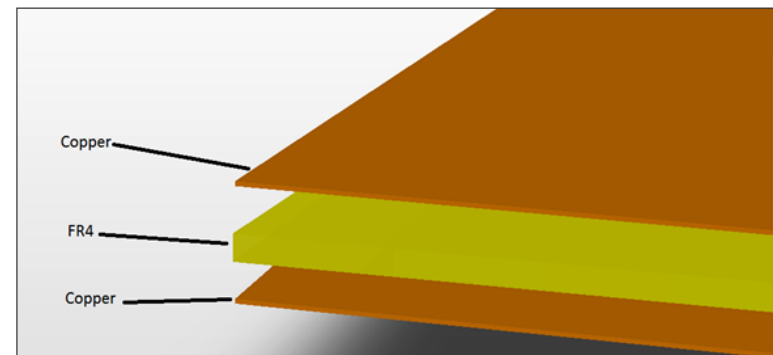
- Base material, or the insulating board of a rigid PWB, is a sheet of laminate reinforced resin. Epoxy, phenolic, and polyimide resin
- Reinforcing materials, or fillers are typically glass cloth, paper, asbestos, aramid, nylon.
- Main parameters, Glass transition temperature (Tg), hardness, brittleness, elastic modules, coefficient of thermal expansion(CTE), specific heat.

Core Laminate types:

- Organic resin
- Inorganic filler
- Copper conductor

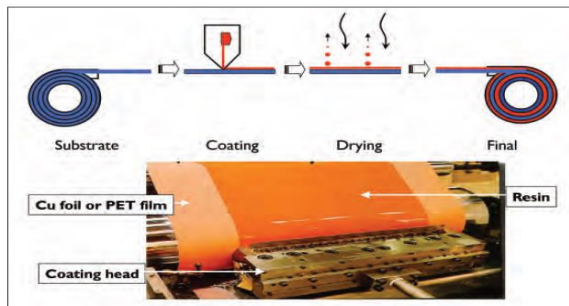
The process

- Epoxy-resin suitably blended
- Filler material in the form of glass cloth
- General Copper foil of required thickness : ~ 9μm, 18μm, 35μm, 70μm

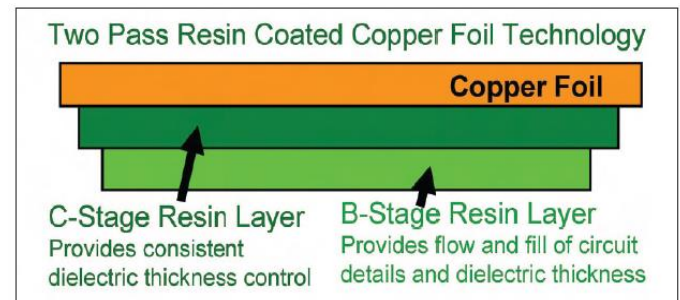


Non-Reinforced Materials-Resin Coated Copper (RCC) Foil

- The limitations of fiberglass-reinforced dielectrics look for alternative dielectric solutions. Problems with laser drilling (poor hole quality and long drilling times), thickness of woven fiberglass.
- To overcome these issues the copper foil was utilized as a carrier for the dielectric so it could then be incorporated into the PCB.
- Copper goes through a coating head and the resin is deposited on the treated side of the copper, Then goes through drying ovens for curing, or continue to B staged to fill the areas around the internal circuitry and bond to the core
- After coated the first layer, coated again in second layer to ensure minimum thickness between layers. With all the benefits of RCC foil, always there are concerns over the lack of reinforcement in terms of dimensional stability and thickness control. Dielectric thin layers as 25 microns are available allowing for very thin multilayer products.
- RCC foils always cost more than the equivalent prepreg, but can actually result in a less expensive product when laser drilling time is taken into consideration. When the number of holes and size of the area increase, the improved throughput of laser drills is more attractive.



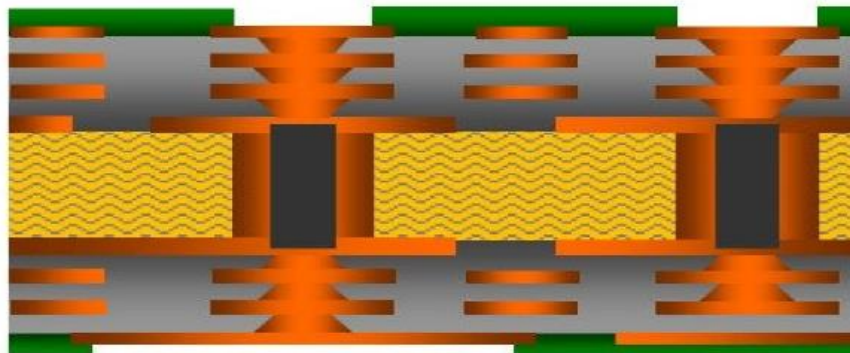
Roll to roll process



Two-stage product

Build-up Technology

- The development of ultra-thin stacked chip scale packaging (UT/CSP) become essential to increasing functionality and higher memory capacity with more complex and efficient memory architectures in small form factor packages
- In the packages, the wafer must be thinned, the conventional die attach (DA) paste material and the assembly method cannot be applied to handle such thin dies.
- The alternative is build-up technology, one core and copper layers which are isolated between them by glue.
- Wafer-level thin adhesive films combined with the corresponding lamination technique provides an alternative solution. However, thinner substrate may cause poor connection reliability due to warpage increased at soldering process. To solve this problem, new thermosetting resins having low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE), high modulus and high glass transition temperature were investigated.

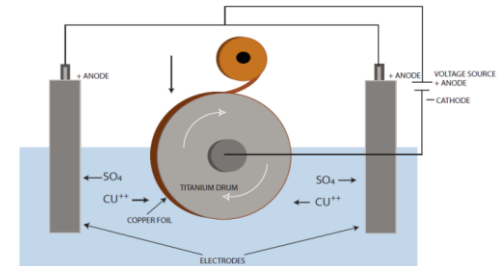


Copper Foil Process Non-Reinforced Materials

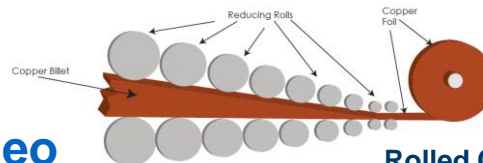
Two types of copper substrate: Electrodeposited copper, standard foil (ED), or “Rolled” (RA).

The difference between them is the fabrication process and the treatment on the backside to enhance bonding adhesion.

- **Electrodeposited (ED)** - Copper material is dissolved and electrolyzed by means of high current density in the electrolytic equipment. Copper component contained in electroplating solution is deposited on cathode surface of Titanium drum. [Video](#)
- During the drum is rotating, thickness of the deposited copper will be increased, then the copper with required thickness is peeled and wound by winding roll.
- In order to give a required characteristics for Printed Circuit Board (PCB), this machine treats copper chemically and electrochemically by multiple immersion and washing for accomplishment. This machine is consisted of unwinder, treatment tanks, dryer, rewinder and all the related parts continuously to treat Matte side and Shiny side of the copper foil.
- **Rolled - annealed copper (RA)** is made by rolling an ingot to very thin foils. The grain structure is horizontally oriented. The rolling causes stress in the foil and must be heat annealed to remove the stress. This causes rolled-annealed copper to have about 1/2 the peel strength of electrodeposited copper. This means rolled-annealed copper performs better at frequencies above 13GHz.



Electrodeposited Copper Manufacturing Process

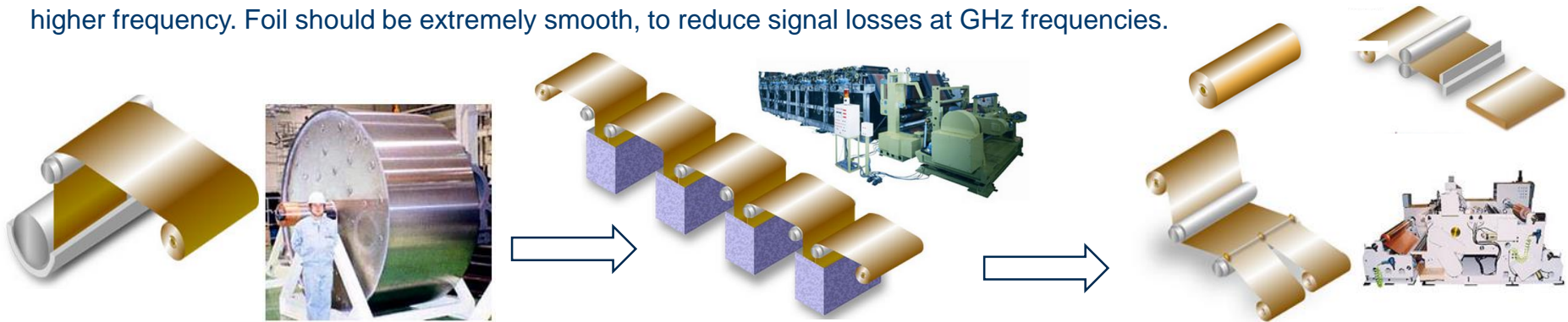


[Video](#)

Rolled Copper Manufacturing Process

Copper Foil Process Non-Reinforced Materials

Copper foils are being made thinner for finer lines and spaces, profiles are being reduced to improve imaging and to encourage higher frequency. Foil should be extremely smooth, to reduce signal losses at GHz frequencies.

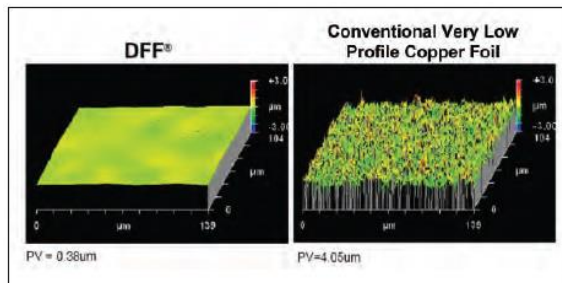


** Various surface treatments that can be applied to copper foil: copper or copper-oxide
Thermal Barriers: coating of zinc, nickel, or brass.

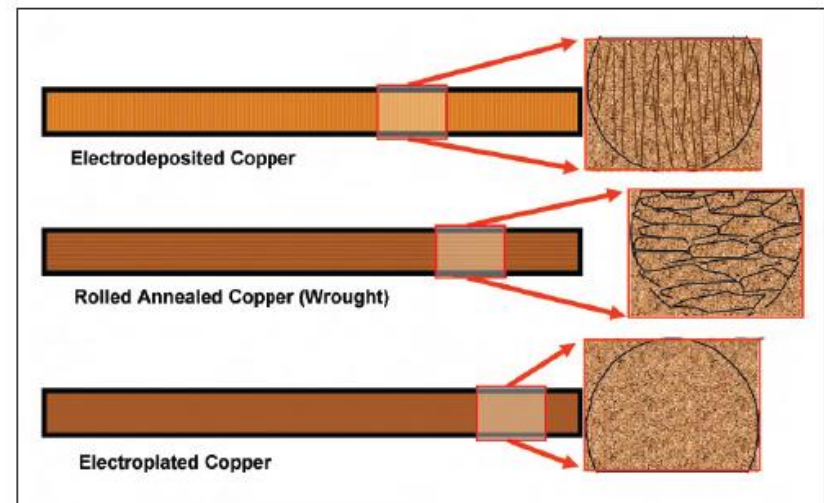
** The coating can prevent thermal or chemical degradation of the foil to resin bond during manufacture of the laminate.

** Special minuscule anchor nodules and chemical treatment to improve adhesion, peel strength and bonding to preregs

DFF- Dual Flat Foil



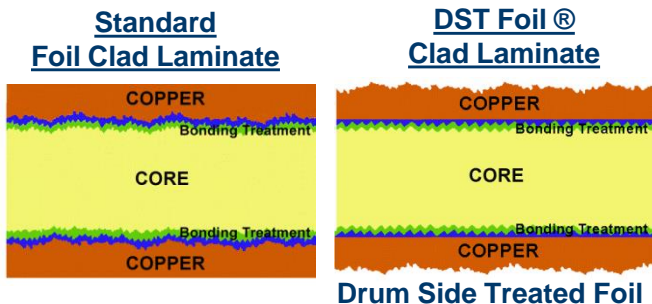
Main types of copper foil



Copper Foil Process - Non-Reinforced Materials

Copper foil used for serves several functions

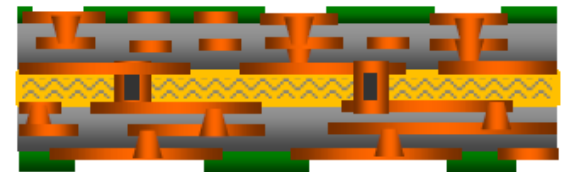
- Power handling requirements, thin copper won't handle as much power as thicker copper, and too much power routed through a small cross section could result in overheating and burnout.
- Impedance and line loss are affected by the cross sectional area of the copper foil.
- Size and spacing of the copper traces that must be etched on the various layers, very fine lines and narrow spacing will require thinner copper.
- Heat dissipation that must be handled by the copper especially in inner layers, more capacity it has to dissipate heat.
- Other factors such as inner layer bonding which might require special copper properties or finishes.
- Surface roughness of the foil will impact the loss characteristics of a transmission line.
- If copper foil is used for foil lamination the finish on the copper is critical and must be compatible with the resin system employed.



Build-up Warpage Reduction

- As VLSI (Very-Large-Scale Integrated) technology evolves toward smaller features, the most important problem for the application of coreless substrates for high-end BGAs is warpage reduction during a reflow process.
- PTFE- Teflon and Liquid Crystal Polymer (LCP) are low-loss material with excellent RF performance up to mm-wave frequencies, but these materials are more expensive than other organic materials, have high CTE and difficulties in multilayer processing.
- The change is to use glass cloth prepreg low loss and low warpage, as a coreless substrate stack material 50um thickness 400mm X 250mm size.
- **Semi-Additive primer (SAPP) is used to increase the adhesion between the flat copper and prepreg.**
- Material used in IC substrates are usually halogen-free, low CTE, replaced with new method that developed. New method is to fasten the coreless substrate during manufacturing by fastening the frame with low-cost of high performance.
- **Polyimide, BT** - e.g. MCL E-700G, E-679FG **Hitachi Chemical**, HL830HS, HL832NS of **Mitsubishi Gas Chemical** or **ABF** core GX13 or GX92 **Ajinomoto Build-up Film**.
- Ajinomoto is now working on next generation materials with high Tg, low Dk and low CTE to meet the low loss and performance
- The new materials are also targeting the needs of coreless build-up substrates.

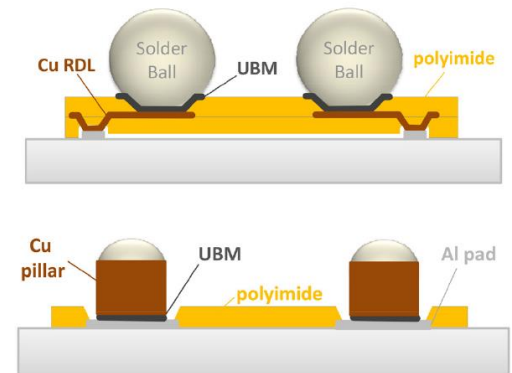
CSP structure



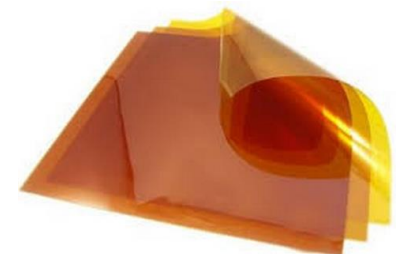
Polyimide – (PI) mass production since 1955

Thermosetting or Thermoplastic

- Thermal stability, good chemical resistance, excellent mechanical properties, and characteristic orange/yellow color.
- Tend to be insoluble and have high softening temperatures, good adhesion with metal layer
- Glass fiber reinforcements have high tensile strength, maintained during continuous up to 452 °C and for short excursions as 704 °C.
- Polyimide materials are lightweight, flexible, not affected by used solvents and oils, also resist weak acids.
- Used as electronics flex boards - flexural moduli 3,000,000 psi.
- Semiconductor industry uses polyimide as a high-temperature adhesive, as an insulating and passivation, as a layer in the manufacture of digital semiconductor and MEMS, in chips as a mechanical stress buffer, and as photoresist.
- Advantages: Good Chemical Resistance, Thermal Stability, High Heat Resistance, Flame Retardant, High Strength, Solvent Resistant, High Stiffness.
- Disadvantages: Difficult to process, High temperatures required, Limited resistance to hydrolysis, High costs.



SPTS Schematic
Polyimide as layer



BT - Glass Clothes Copper Clad Laminate (CCL)

Include additional polymerization type with two main components B (Bismaleimide) and T (Triazine Resin), cyanate ester and polyimide.

Blends of various ratios designed to yield improvement.

- Low cost organic substrate compared to Teflon and LTCC, stable multilayer packaging, high-performance, ease-of-processing and available. All-in-one solution for high frequency designs, the choice for electronics packaging.
- Stability is 4 times higher than that of polyimide. Good for rigid substrates compared to FR4 based epoxy, and more advanced and higher-performing from resin-based Bismaleimide-Triazine (BT)
- **Moisture absorption and diffusion behavior have a significant impact on package reliability**, In BT/glass laminates all moisture will be absorbed by the BT resin
- Cured BT Resin Features:

High heat resistance (Glass transition temperatures: 225~330°C)

Excellent long-term resistance of 160~230°C

Excellent thermal shock resistance

Lower dielectric constant and dissipation factor

High Cu ion migration resistance

Excellent mechanical properties

Excellent chemical resistance

Excellent abrasion resistance

In fact the standard substrate material for BGA's and CSP laminates. Since BT material is considered as low-cost substrate, it is suitable in all applications where FR4 are used today.

Companies involved : Mitsubishi Gas Chemical, Hitachi Chemical, Asahi APPE Technology
Nelco International, Matsushita Electric (Panasonic), Sumitomo Bakelite and more.....

MGC - Mitsubishi Gas Chemical - BT

The newest progress about Base Material used for IC Package Substrate in Japan

- The rapid development of IC package substrate, drive IC package substrate with copper clad laminate (CCL), class of products with high technological content and high added value. improves the security in the IC package substrate
- Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company BT resin substrate material (more than 60% in the world), and come from behind of Matsushita Electric company (Panasonic) in order to improve the security in the IC package substrate.
- Plate surface appearance of brown, an epoxy-modified BMI / CE Resin
- Conventional types for IC package: **HL830, HL832 become specifically for IC package substrate resin-based body (supporting CCL, prepreg)**
- Other typical: HL820, HL810, HL870, HL 870M, HL 950, HL 955.
- Six new markets for the IC package on the basis of HL832 CCL varieties, good lead-free soldering, different in Young's modulus, rigidity, thermal expansion, tensile strength and peel strength. Species thinner CCL HL832HS (HS) prepreg thickness of the thinnest is 30 microns, **The insulating layer is made of two prepreg stacked together.**
- The reason - mainly in the composition of the epoxy-modified BT resin filler.

| Copper Clad Laminates | Prepregs | CCL Thickness | Prepreg Thickness |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| CCL-HL832NX Type A | GHPL-830NX Type A | 0.06, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2-0.8(0.1step), 0.25, 0.35, 0.45mm | 0.03, 0.035, 0.04, 0.045, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.1mm |

MGC - Mitsubishi Gas Chemical - BT

Performance characteristics of various Trademark

| <u>CCL brand</u> | | <u>Prepreg Trademark</u> | <u>Features</u> | <u>Use</u> | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| 覆銅板牌號 | | 半固化片牌號 | 性能特點 | 用途 | |
| CCL-HL832 | | GHPL-830 | 常規 IC 封裝用標準型的 CCL。是應用時間最長的品種 Conventional IC packages with standard type CCL | BGA、PGA | |
| CCL-HL832NB | | GHPL-830 NB | 無鹵化，其他性能同 CCL-HL832 Halogen-free, with other properties | BGA、PGA | |
| CCL-HL832EX (New Material) | | GHPL-830 EX | 適應無鉛化的新型 CCL。有無機填料；高剛性、低熱膨脹率 CCL. Inorganic filler High rigidity, low thermal expansion | BGA、PGA | |
| CCL-HL832HS | Type LT | GHPL-830 HS | 高剛性的基板材料。適應無鉛化；可直接進行 CO ₂ 鐳射的通孔加工 Highly rigid CO ₂ laser machining | 倒晶片安裝的 IC 封裝 | Flip chip mounting IC package |
| | Type HS | GHPL-830 HS | 高剛性、薄型化的基板材料。適應無鉛化；可直接進行 CO ₂ 鐳射的通孔加工 High rigidity and thin CO ₂ laser directly through | 有薄型化、高密度要求的 IC 封裝 | For thin & high Density requirements IC package |
| CCL-HL832TF | | GHPL-830 TF | 耐韌性優良的薄型基板材料。適應無鉛化； Excellent toughness resistant thin, Lead-free adaptation | CSP、存儲卡 | CSP Memory card |
| CCL-HL832NX | | GHPL-830 NX | 無鹵化，其他性能同 CCL-HL832 HS，有優異的浸焊耐熱性、高剛性、低熱膨脹率 Excellent differentiation dip soldering heat resistance high rigidity, low thermal expansion | BGA、CSP、倒晶片安裝的 IC 封裝 | BGA, CSP Flip chip mounting IC package |

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical - BT

Main performance comparison of various IC packages to be in BT resin substrate material

| | | 單位 Unit | HL832 | HL 832NB | HL 832EX | HL832 HS(LT) | HL832 HS(HS) | HL 832NX | HL 832TF |
|---|-------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Surface potential | 表面電阻 | Ω | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ | 5 × 10 ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ |
| Volume resistivity | 體積電阻率 | Ω-cm | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ | 5 × 10 ¹²⁻¹⁴ |
| Insulation | 絕緣電阻 | Ω | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ | 5 × 10 ¹³⁻¹⁵ |
| CTE | 玻璃化溫度 | TMA ℃ | 210 | 220 | 210 | 215 | 215 | 215 | 210 |
| | | DMA ℃ | 180 | 190 | 185 | 185 | 185 | 190 | 185 |
| Hot Swollen Swell Department Number | 熱膨脹係數 | X 方向 ppm/℃ | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| | | Y 方向 ppm/℃ | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| | | Z 方向 α ₁ / α ₂ ppm/℃ | 55 /220 | 45 /160 | 45 /160 | 35 /140 | 45 /160 | 30 /120 | 45 /120 |

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical - BT types

Another BT Materials for IC Plastic Package List



| Commodity | CommDescription | Grade | Manufacturer | Origin | MI | Density | Application |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|----|---------|---|
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | standard BT material | HL832 | MGC | JAPAN | | | IC plastic packages (PGA, BGA) |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | standard BT material | HL830 | MGC | JAPAN | | | IC plastic packages (PGA, BGA) |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | High stiffness materials | HL832HS | MGC | JAPAN | | | Substrates for FC-PKG |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | Thin materials | HL832TF | MGC | JAPAN | | | Substrates for CSP and memory cards |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | Low DK | HL832MG | MGC | JAPAN | | | Substrates for RF modules, power amplifier modules, bluetooth modules |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | Halogen Free BT materials | HL832NX | MGC | JAPAN | | | Full Green IC packages |
| BT Copper Clab Laminate | Halogen Free BT materials | HL832NB | MGC | JAPAN | | | Full Green IC packages |
| LE Sheet (Alumimum Sheet) | Entry Sheet or Mechanical Drilling | LE300 | MGC | JAPAN | | | 0.25mmΦ |
| LE Sheet (Alumimum Sheet) | Entry Sheet or Mechanical Drilling | LE400 | MGC | JAPAN | | | 0.2~0.25mmΦ or High Layer count |
| LE Sheet (Alumimum Sheet) | Entry Sheet or Mechanical Drilling | LE800 | MGC | JAPAN | | | 0.075~0.1mmΦ |

Panasonic - Matsushita Electric Company

IC package substrate - MEGTRON series, developed to achieve high capacity and high speed transition.

- In order to meet the next generation of ultra-thin package, Matsushita Electric Company's developed FC lamination method which the multi-layer package substrate is CCL.
- In Japan Matsushita Electric Company's products now occupies the first place in the overall market share of such products (about 80%) the CSP substrate CCL and 20% of Japanese market demand.
- Process improved the accuracy of plate thickness and can be controlled within $\pm 0.5\%$, to meet specific customer needs. CCL thickness of the product specification, there are 20 μm , 30 μm , 40 μm , 50 μm , 60 μm , 100 μm and so on. Matsushita Electric has two series of four varieties in terms of IC package substrate, Each IC package with CCL each species significant performance characteristics and a clear application markets, respectively

Polyphenylene ether
(PPE)

Modified ring
Epoxy resin

| main tree Lipid composition | Product licensing | Main performance characteristics |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| 主要樹 脂組成 | 產品牌號 | 主要性能特點 |
| “MET RON” 系列 聚苯醚 (PPE) 改性環 氧樹脂 | MEGTRON3 R-5715 (SL) | 低 Dk、耐熱性及低吸濕性優異、BGA 焊球的拉脫强度高 |
| | MEGTRON3 R-5715 (ES) | 與 R-5715 (SL) 基本性能同等，並且還具有高彎曲彈性模量、低膨脹係數 |
| “GX” 系列 高性能 環氧樹 脂 | R-1515 T | 低膨脹係數、高彎曲彈性模量、無鹵化 |
| | R-1515 B | 低膨脹係數、高彎曲彈性模量、薄型化、UV 遮蔽性優異 |

Low Dk, excellent heat resistance and low moisture absorption, BGA solder balls High pull-off strength

Substantially equal performance, and further Having High flexural modulus, low CTE.

Low CTE, high flexural modulus, non-halogenated

Low CTE, high flexural modulus, thin, Excellent UV shielding

High performance
Epoxy resin fat

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The main performance IC package substrate material

| | | Unit | Test method | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | 單位 | 試驗方法 | R-1515 B | R-1515 T | R-5715 SL | R-5715 ES |
| Volume resistivity | 體積電阻率 | MΩ·m | JIS C6481 | 6.5×10^6 | 1.0×10^7 | 6.5×10^7 | — |
| Surface potential | 表面電阻 | MΩ | JIS C6481 | 2.9×10^8 | 2.9×10^8 | 1.3×10^9 | — |
| Insulation | 絕緣電阻 | MΩ | JIS C6481 | 8.7×10^7 | 8.3×10^7 | 7.0×10^8 | — |
| glass transition | 玻璃化溫度 (T _g) | °C | TMA | 180 | 187 | 173 | — |
| | | °C | DMA | 205 | 228 | 203 | — |
| Thermal expansion IN Z | 熱膨脹係數 | X 方向 | ppm/°C | TMA | 12 | 11 | 14 |
| | | Y 方向 | ppm/°C | TMA | 12 | 12 | 15 |
| | | Z 方向 | ppm/°C | TMA | 30/140 | 27/140 | 61/260 |
| | | $\alpha 1 / \alpha 2$ | | | | | 27/140 |
| Permittivity | 介電常數 | 1MHz | JIS C6481 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| | | 1GHz | IPC TM-650 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | — |
| Dielectric loss | 介質損失角正切 | 1MHz | JIS C6481 | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.008 | 0.007 |
| | | 1GHz | IPC TM-650 | 0.011 | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.013 |
| Peel strength | 剝離強度(Cu:18 μm) | kN/m | JIS C6481 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| Absorbent | 吸水率 | % | JIS C6481 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.11 | — |
| Thermal stratification time | 熱分層時間 (T288) | 分 | IPC TM-650 | > 120 | 17 | 30 | — |
| Tensile strength | 抗張強度 (縱) | MPa | JIS C6911 | — | 23 | 27 | — |
| Bending strength | 彎曲強度 | KN/cm ² | JIS C6481 | | 47 | 62 | |
| Heat Conduction | 熱傳導率 | W/mk | 鐳射 flash 法 | | 0.64 | 0.32 | |
| Heat resistance | 耐熱性 (>) | MPa | JIS C6481 | 280°C 60 分 | 260°C 60 分 | 250°C 60 分 | 250°C 60 分 |
| Flame retardant | 阻燃性 (UL94) | | JIS C6481 | V-0 | V-0 | V-0 | V-0 |

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Laminate R-1515E Halogen Free & Narrow Pitch IC Substrate Materials (Black type or natural)

Prepreg R-1410E

Ultra-thin circuit board materials R-1515E

MEGTRON GX

Laminate(Black) R-1515E Prepreg(Natural color) R-1410E

| R-1410E | | Amount of resin (%) | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| | | 64% | 68% | 70% | 74% | 78% |
| Glass cloth | # 1000 | Insulation layer thickness 15 μm | | Insulation layer thickness 28 μm | | |
| | # 1017 | Insulation layer thickness 20 μm | | Insulation layer thickness 30 μm | | |

General properties

| Item | | Test method | Condition | Unit | MEGTRON GX R-1515W | MEGTRON GX R-1515A | MEGTRON GX R-1515U | MEGTRON GX R-1515D | MEGTRON GX R-1515E |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Glass transition temp(Tg) | | DMA ^{*3} | A | °C | 250 | 205 | 275 ^{*1} | 275 ^{*1} | 270 ^{*1} |
| CTE x-axis | below Tg (α1) | TMA ^{*4} | A | ppm/°C | 9-10 | 12 | 0.5 ^{*1} | 3.5 ^{*1} | 9 ^{*1} |
| CTE y-axis | | | | | 9-10 | 12 | 0.5 ^{*1} | 3.5 ^{*1} | 9 ^{*1} |
| Flexural modulus | 25°C | JIS C6481 | 25°C | GPa | 35 | 27 | 32 | 30 | 33 |
| | 250°C | | 250°C | | 21 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 18 |
| Peel strength | 35μm | IPC TM-650 2.4.8 | A | kN/m | 1.2 | 1.3 | – | – | – |
| | 12μm | | | | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Dielectric constant | 1GHz | IPC TM-650 2.5.5.9 | C- 24/23/50 | – | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Dissipation factor | 1GHz | | | – | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.011 |
| Resistivity | Volume | IPC TM-650 2.5.17.1 | C- 96/35/90 | MΩ-cm | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 |
| | Surface | | | MΩ | 1.0E+08 | 1.0E+08 | 1.0E+08 | 1.0E+08 | 1.0E+08 |
| Flammability | | UL | C- 48/23/50 | – | 94V-0 | 94V-0 | 94V-0 ^{*2} (equivalent) | 94V-0 ^{*2} (equivalent) | 94V-0 ^{*2} |
| Decomposition temp(Td) | | TGA | A | °C | 390 | 390 | 400 | 400 | 390 |

*1=0.1mm

*2=0.2mm The other sample thickness is 0.8mm.

*3 R-1515W,R-1515A:Measurement in bending mode.

R-1515U,R-1515D,R-1515E:Measurement in tensile mode.

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The main performance IC package substrate material

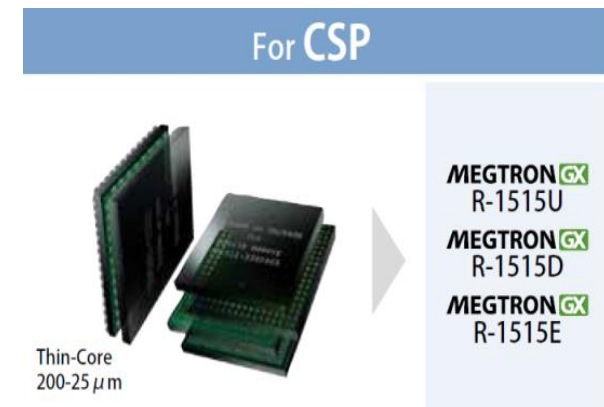
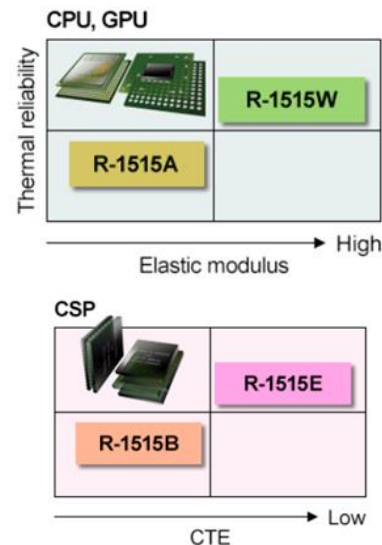
- IC package substrate thinning is very focused High temperature to maintain high performance rigid plate, R-5715 ES ("MEGTRON" series) showed **good adaptation of this thin IC package substrate under high heat required**.
- Main Features: reduce the warpage in thin package substrate, corresponding to the small-diameter mechanical drilling, halogen-free, ensure the flame-retardant antimony free (UL94V-0).
- CCL for IC package substrate Matsushita Electric improved glass transition temperature, elastic modules and thermal expansion properties which help in reducing the warpage.
- IC package CCL breed "GX" series improved performance value. Three types developed to be applied for thin package board CCL (R-1515 T, R-1515 B, R-5715 ES).



Panasonic properties of materials



Panasonic part number material

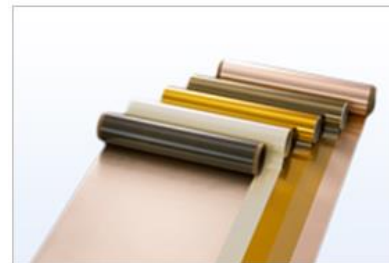
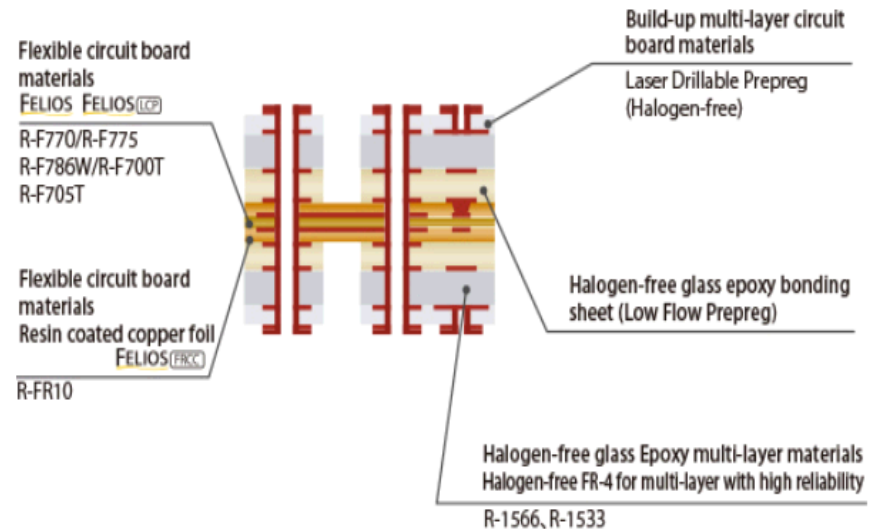


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Flexible material - Felios type



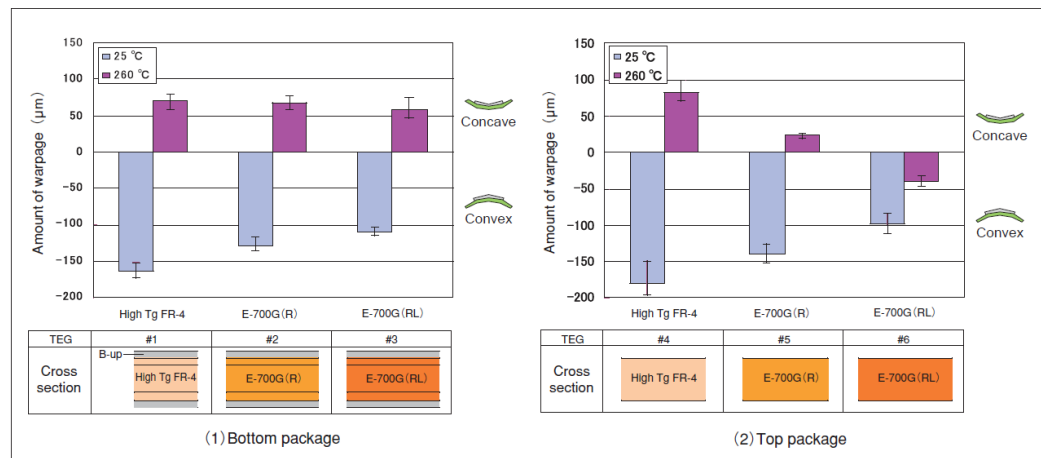
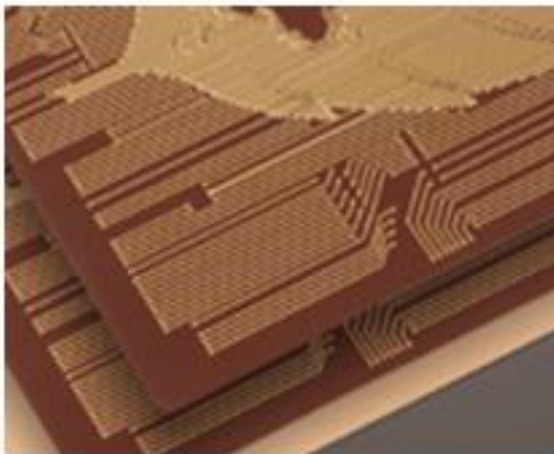
Layer composition of rigid-flex board and suggestion of materials



Resin coated copper foil FELIOS FRCC
Flexible Circuit Board Materials for Mobile Products "FELIOS" series

Hitachi Chemical - MCL - E-700G(R)

- Material for substrate MCL-E-700G(R) series type **S-Glass**, high heat-resistant for thin packages having a build-up structure with low warpage based on High -Tg Glass Epoxy.
- Low CTE in X, Y directions and high elasticity modulus, meets flammability standard UL94V-0 without using halogen.
- Generally a method to decrease CTE and increase the modulus of elasticity is to load a large amount of inorganic filler, but this method causes many problems at the drilling process because of overloading on drill bits.
- Thermosetting resins based on ring structure containing nitrogen show high elasticity, low thermal expansion and high incombustibility. However, these resins face many problems, including lack of solubility.
- Hitachi Chemical solves this problems by introducing substituent for solubility that reactive in low temperature.
- Can be applied to build-up structures by semi-additive process, and can support narrow and high density wiring.



Hitachi Chemical - MCL - E-700G(R)

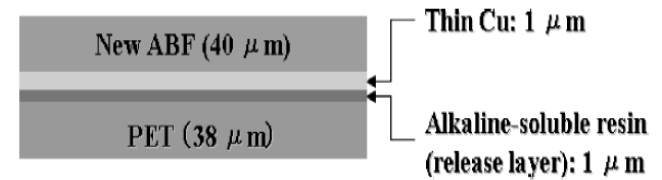
Properties of MCL-E-700G (R) and E-700G (RL)

| Property | | Condition | Unit | E-700G (R) | E-700G (RL) | High Tg FR-4 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Glass transition temperature | | TMA (tensile) | ℃ | 250-270 | 250-270 | 165-175 |
| | | TMA (compression) | | 220-240 | 220-240 | 165-175 |
| | | DMA | | 295-305 | 295-305 | 200-220 |
| Thermal decomposition temperature | | TGA (Td5) | ℃ | 400-420 | 400-420 | 340-360 |
| Coefficient of thermal expansion | X, Y | α 1 (tensile) | ppm/℃ | 7-9 | 5-7 | 13-15 |
| | | α 2 (tensile) | | 5-7 | 5-7 | 10-12 |
| | | α 1 (compression) | | 10-12 | 8-10 | 13-15 |
| | | α 2 (compression) | | 4-6 | 3-5 | 10-12 |
| | Z | α 1 (compression) | | 15-25 | 15-25 | 23-33 |
| | | α 2 (compression) | | 90-120 | 90-120 | 140-170 |
| Copper foil peel strength | | 12 μm (Std) | kN/m | 0.9-1.1 | 0.9-1.1 | 0.8-1.0 |
| Modulus of elasticity | | A | GPa | 32-34 | 34-36 | 23-28 |
| Heat resistance | T-288 | TMA | min | >60 | >60 | >60 |
| Heat resistance of the package | | 260℃ reflow | cycle | >20 | >20 | >10 |

 [List of characteristics](#)

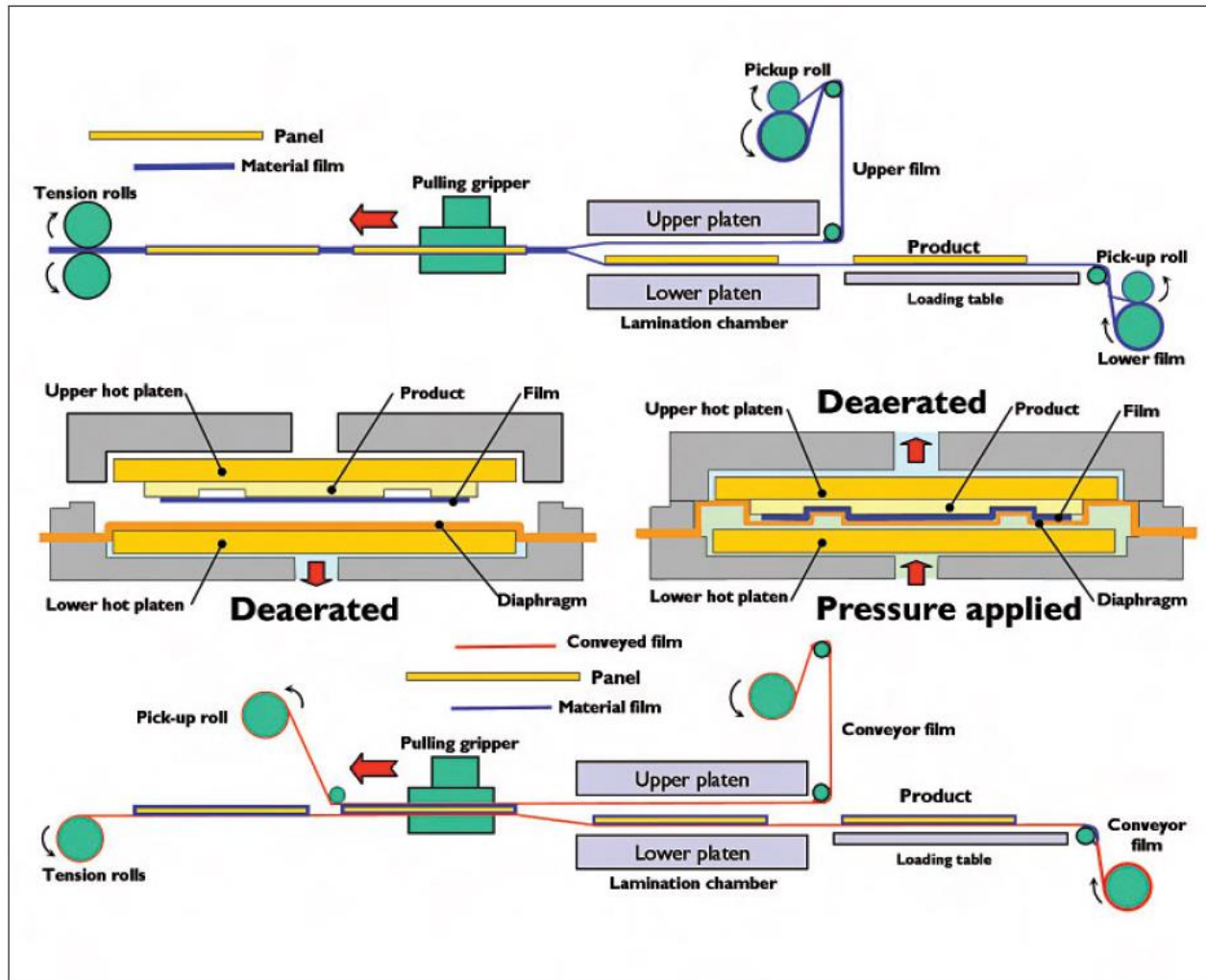
Ajinomoto Buildup Film (ABF)

- Ajinomoto build-up films (ABF) layers are widely used as package substrates. The increasing demand for electronic devices with advanced functions, package substrates are required to be miniaturized with high-density circuit wirings.
- New ABF combination, low CTE, high Young's modulus, demonstrated as a high-tech resin coated copper (RCC) film for fine line formation. **ABF materials are improved with the progress of IC.**
- Very thin copper transfer film and ABF-prepregs which are glass-cloth materials impregnated with ABF resin compositions, are proposed for use as core materials, especially for CSP substrates.
- These new applications can achieve the high adhesion between the copper and insulating layers.
- The material is a series of very thin film dielectrics made with **epoxy/phenol hardener, cyanate ester/epoxy, and cyanate ester with thermosetting olefin.**
- The epoxy type is also available halogen-free, the thin film (15 – 100um thick) is supported by a 40um PET film and protected by a 16um OPP cover film.
- **The material is vacuum laminated in special machines using.**



Construction of ABF-RCC (cross section).

Ajinomoto Buildup Film (ABF)



Process:

1. Surface preparation of core dielectric and copper
2. Dry core (130° C for 30 min)
3. ABF auto-cutting, remove cover film, and placement
4. ABF vacuum lamination and metal hot-press
5. Remove PET film and post-cure (170-190° C for 30 min.)

ABF films, like the liquid dielectrics and dry films, have to be semi-additively metallization.

The conditions and steps will determine the resulting copper peel strengths

Details of the material flow through the vacuum laminator and the lamination step

Ajinomoto Build-up Film (ABF) New RCC

- Coating and drying the alkaline-soluble resin (1 μ m thick, release layer) on PET (38 μ m thick), and depositing 1 μ m thick copper layer on the release layer by vacuum evaporation.
- Thin copper transfer film was hot laminated with the new 40 μ m thick ABF to get the RCC.
- Cure conditions for the ABFGX13: 180 degC for 90 min, for the new ABF; 190degC for 90 min
- New ABF-RCC process similar to SAP:

- * Lamination of the ABF-RCC to the core board with through holes (TH) and circuit patterns

- * Curing of the new ABF

- * Removal of the PET film

- * Laser drilling for via formation

- * Dissolution of release layer

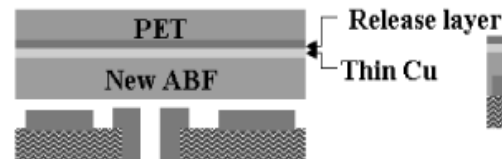
- * Desmear for cleaning the via bottoms

- * Electroless copper plating

- * Patterning

Advantages of this process: during via laser formation the release layer on the thin copper prevents residues of seed layer.

1. ABF-RCC cutting & placement



5. Laser drilling



2. Lamination of ABF-RCC

3. Curing

(100 degC*30 min + 180 degC*30 min)



6. Dissolution of release layer

7. Desmear

8. Electroless copper plating



4. Removal of PET film



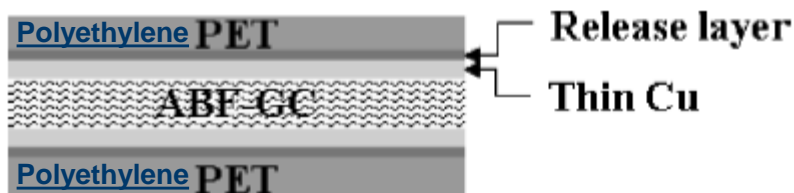
9. Cu patterning



Manufacturing process using ABF-RCC

Ajinomoto Build-up Film (ABF) New RCC

- **CCL (Copper Clad Laminate) Consisting of ABF-Glass Cloth (GC) and Thin Copper Transfer Film/AGL-1020**
- Consists of thin copper transfer films and prepregs
- Resin composition of prepreg is similar to that of ABF and has the specific feature of high adhesion to smooth copper



Construction of AGL-1020

- Reliability tests showed the robust interface between ABF-GC and smooth copper, which seems promising for future fine-line core boards.
- Combining the copper transfer film with a new ABF, low CTE, high Young's modulus and low DK can provide material with high adhesion and very fine patterns - ABF-RCC, ABF-GC.

| Test condition | Unit | AGL-1020 |
|---|----------|----------|
| CTE x-y (25–150 degC) (tensile TMA) | ppm/degC | 13 |
| CTE x-y (150–240 degC) (tensile TMA) | ppm/degC | 8 |
| Tg (tensile TMA) | degC | 180 |
| Tg (DMA) | degC | 190 |
| Dielectric constant (Cavity perturbation, 5.8 GHz) | – | 4.5 |
| Loss tangent (Cavity perturbation, 5.8 GHz) | – | 0.017 |
| Flame retardancy (UL94) | – | ≧ V0 |

General characteristics of AGL-1020

ABF-GX13GC - GC-prepreg for Build-up dielectric

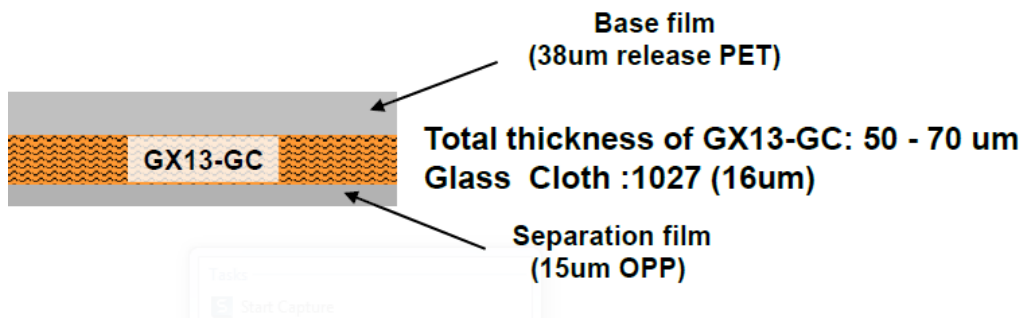
◆ The Feature of GX13-GC

- Lower CTE (x-y:23ppm)
- High Young's Modulus (over 11GPa)
- Decreasing the Warp of PCB
- Vacuum Laminator Applicable
- SAP (Semi-Additive Plating) Applicable
- Almost same process conditions as GX13 applicable



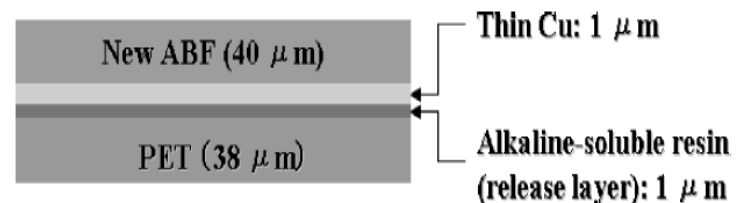
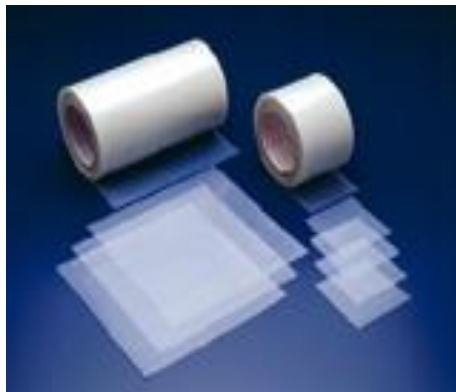
Adaptable to **Coreless**
and
Thin-core Package!!

◆ GX13-GC : 3 layers construction



Ajinomoto Buildup Film (ABF)

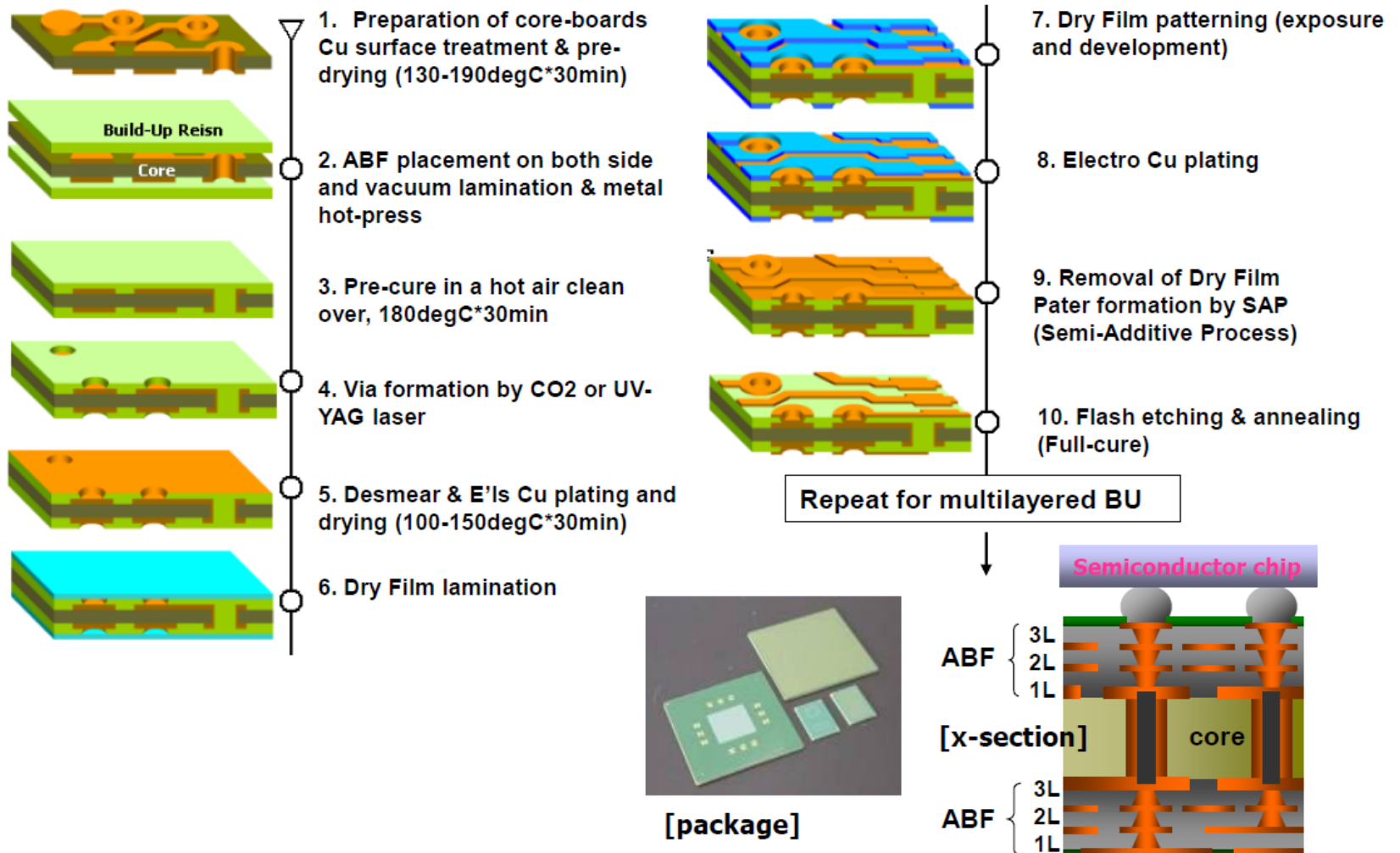
- PCBs using ABF is a semi-additive process (SAP) including the lamination and curing of the ABF resin composition.
- Laser vias, and a desmear process using an alkaline permanganate (strong oxidizing properties) solution to form micro anchors on the ABF surface prior to electroless copper plating as a seed layer for thicker electrolytic copper plating.
- This process provides high adhesion strength (peel strength) between the insulating layer and the plated copper by roughening the surface of the insulating layer. But this effect prevents very fine line formation of less than $L/S = 15/15\mu\text{m}$.
- Dielectric material and a manufacturing process can produce high adhesion strength with a smooth interface between an insulating layer and a conductive layer that strongly desired for future fine line formation.
- Additional ABF materials GXT31, GZ41 and GY11 for high speed transmission in IC.



Ajinomoto ABF Laser Drillable Films

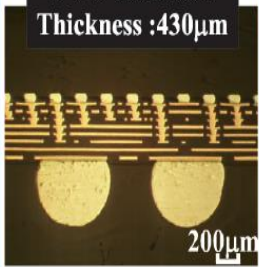
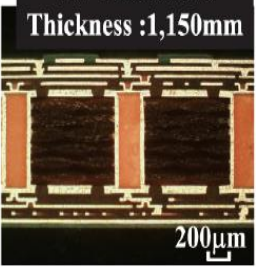
| Hydrofluoric | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|
| ABF type | SH9k | GX3 | GX13 | GX60 | GZ9-2 | GZ11 | GZ20 | GZ30 | TB |
| Resin | Epoxy | Epoxy-HF | Epoxy | Epoxy + phenol | Cyanate ester + epoxy | Cyanate ester + epoxy | CE + epoxy | CE+ epoxy | Cyanate ester + Olefin |
| Solvent residue (wt% ave) | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 3.2 |
| Vacuum Lamination | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK |
| Minimum viscosity (poise/ ⁰ C) | 1400/145 | 1400/145 | 1400/145 | 3000/136 | 3100/104 | 3100/104 | 3200/90 | 9500/90 | 5500/106 |
| Cure (°C x min) | 180 x 90 | | | 190 x 90 | | | | | |
| CTE x-y (25-150 ⁰ C) (tensile TMA) | 95 | 46 | 46 | 39 | 36 | 35 | 28 | 21 | 52 |
| CTE x-y (150-250 ⁰ C) (tensile TMA) | 180 | 120 | 120 | 114 | 105 | 100 | 75 | 58 | -- |
| Tg (tensile TMA) | 178 | 156 | 156 | 163 | 170 | 173 | 177 | 190 | 150 |
| Tg (DMA) | 200 | 177 | 177 | 185 | 195 | 201 | 210 | 205 | 190 |
| Young's modulus (GPa) | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 4.9 |
| Tensile strength (MPa) | 93 | 93 | 93 | 104 | 109 | 109 | 130 | 125 | 86 |
| Elongation (%) | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Dielectric constant @ 5.8 GHz | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Loss Tangent @ 5.8 GHz | 0.022 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.025 | 0.009 | 0.012 | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.006 |
| Water absorption (100 ⁰ C, 1 h (wt%)) | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| HAST L/S=20/20 um (130 ⁰ C, 85%, 3.3V) | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h | >200h |
| Flame retardancy (UL94) | V0 | V0 | V0 | V1 | V1 | V1 | V1 | V0-V1 | -- |
| SiO ₂ amount (wt%) | 38 | 38 | 38 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 50 | 60 | 40 |
| Status | Mass | Mass | Mass | U.D. | Mass | Samples | Samples | U.D. | U.D. |

Coreless Manufacturing Substrate using ABF



Low Warpage Coreless Substrate for IC Packages

- Coreless substrate is excellent for fine patterning, small via pitches, and transmission property, and it is a promising IC packaging method for the next generation.
- Multilayer build-up substrate contain two or more build-up layers either side of a core with stacked vias.
- Coreless eliminates the core in the substrate and utilizes only build up materials to interconnect between the chip and PCB board. Attractive cheap option to meet the very low z-height, means lighter substrate, smaller, very short interconnection in fine line width, and good power integrity. However may cause poor connection reliability due to warpage increased at soldering process.
- Coreless has three advantages compared to buildup substrate:
 1. High wiring design flexibility owing to fine via pitch.
 2. Power source improvement because of low impedance.
 3. Large signal integrity.Disadvantages - doesn't includes high rigidity layer.
- Today, coreless substrates have been used in limited applications such as small size of CSPs, The desire is to develop coreless for large **BGA 20mm squares**.

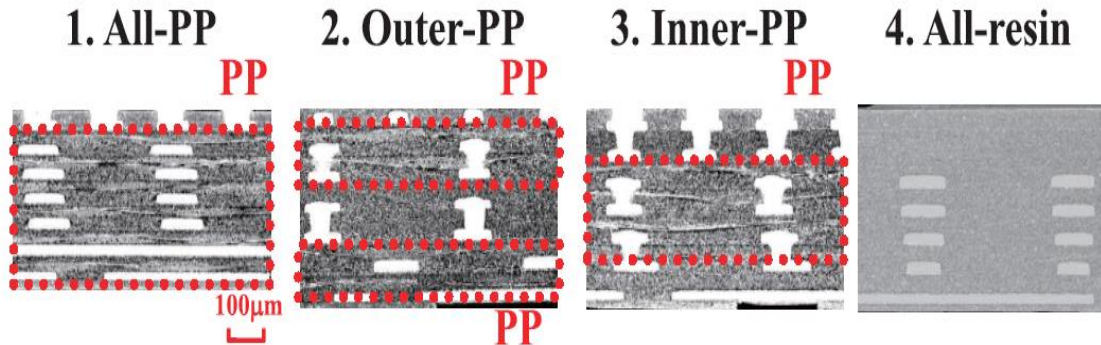
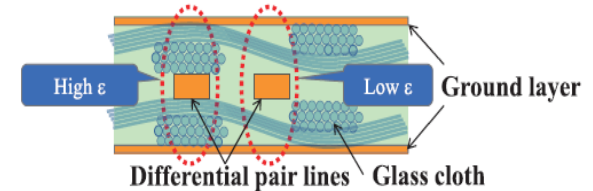
| Properties | Coreless | Buildup |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Cross-sectional view of structure | <div>3-2-3 structure Thickness :430μm</div>  <div>200μm</div> | <div>4-2-4 structure Thickness :1,150mm</div>  <div>200μm</div> |
| Patterning scale | Fine | Rough (Core layer) |
| Via pitch | Small | Large (PTH) |
| Transmission | Excellent | Poor (Core layer) |
| Warpage | Large(Low rigidity) | Small |

Low Warpage Coreless Substrate for IC Packages

- The most important problem for the application of coreless substrates for high-end BGAs is warpage reduction during a reflow process.

Fujitsu test - in order to improve the rigidity of coreless substrate

- Includes prepreg adhesion resin sheet that reinforced by glass cloths,
But due to the lack of homogeneity in the glass areas, recommended to use a minimum number of prepreg.
- Two kinds of dielectric materials, **prepreg (resin impregnated with glass Cloths) GX-13GC** and **resin GX-13**.
- 4 kinds of coreless substrates with different layer structures,
The coreless substrates area was **42.5mm** squares, **0.4mm** thickness, pitch = **50μm**, total number of elements = **810,000**.



Cross-sectional images of substrates.

| Layer | Layer Structure | | | |
|-------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | All-PP | Outer-PP | Inner-PP | All-resin |
| V2 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |
| V3 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |
| V4 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |
| V5 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |
| V6 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |
| V7 | PP | PP | PP | Resin |

PP layer

Small CTE mismatch with Cu

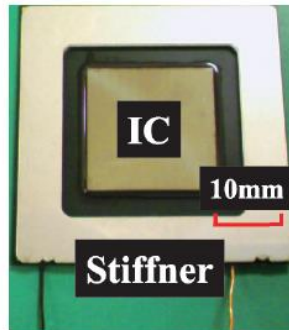
Resin layer

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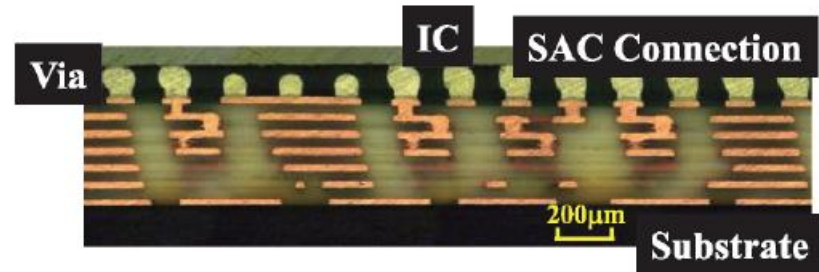
Schematic figure of layer structures.

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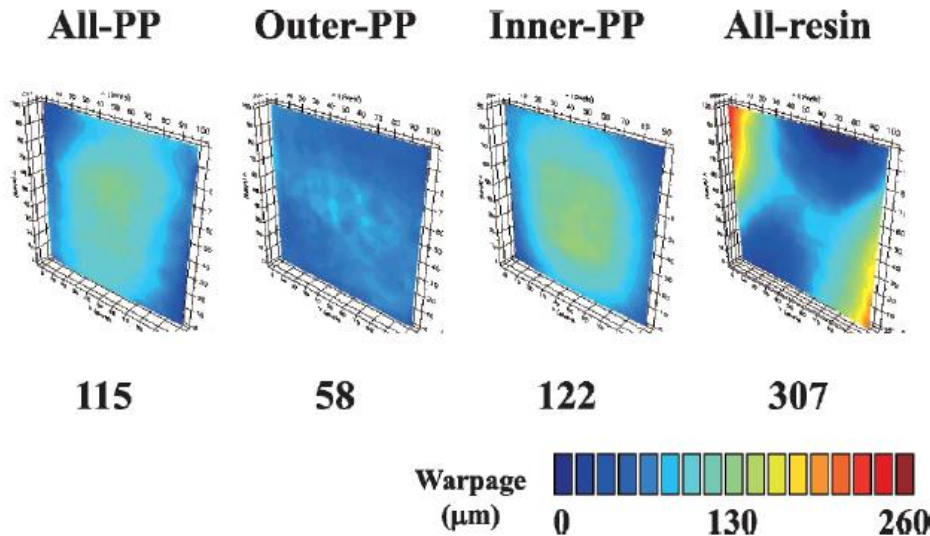
- Fujitsu test



External view of the IC-mounted coreless substrate



Cross-sectional view of the IC-mounted coreless substrate



Warpage measurement results

Effective factors for high reliability are not only low warpage at the solder melting point, but also small temperature-dependent warpage during cooling process.

| Sample | IC assembly test results | Warpage (μm) |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| All-PP | Passed | 115 |
| Outer-PP | Passed | 58 |
| Inner-PP | Failed | 122 |
| All-resin | Failed | 307 |

IC assembly test results

Taconic - Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE or Teflon®)

- Complex, high density, multi-layer digital boards have been manufactured toward smaller plated- through-holes, thinner dielectrics, finer lines/ spaces, and higher layer counts. Digital substrates have kept pace with these developments by transitioning to higher temperature resins to provide better plated-through-holes reliability, thickness and DK control impedance.
- Significant development in PTFE-based material technologies to meet the mechanical and thermal stability requirements for complex multi-layer boards. In the past these types of base materials were mainly used in military applications.
- Taconic has engineered two PTFE-based substrates with enhanced technical properties:

****TLE-95** substrates are manufactured in thicknesses from .004" (0.1mm) with a dielectric constant of 2.95 +/- 0.05. this for complex multi-layer microwave and high-speed digital circuit boards.

****TLC** substrates are specifically designed to meet the low cost, manufactured in thickness .0145" (0.37 mm) with $\epsilon_r=2.70$, and .020" (0.50 mm)

** Both materials exhibit excellent mechanical and thermal stability, Higher peel strengths and cost less than traditional PTFE substrates.

New cellular communication systems are being upgraded from 450MHz to 900MHz and 1.8 GHz, **TLE-95**, and particularly **TLC** substrates, deliver high performance and high reliability at a cost.

- The PTFE/woven glass substrates exhibit exceptionally low moisture absorption, and require little conditioning during fabrication to eliminate trapped process chemicals in drilled holes which improved reliability in plating holes.
- Outdoor applications such as direct broadcast satellite televisions LNB's, PCS/PCN antennas, automotive radars, and other benefit from PTFE/glass low moisture absorption.

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